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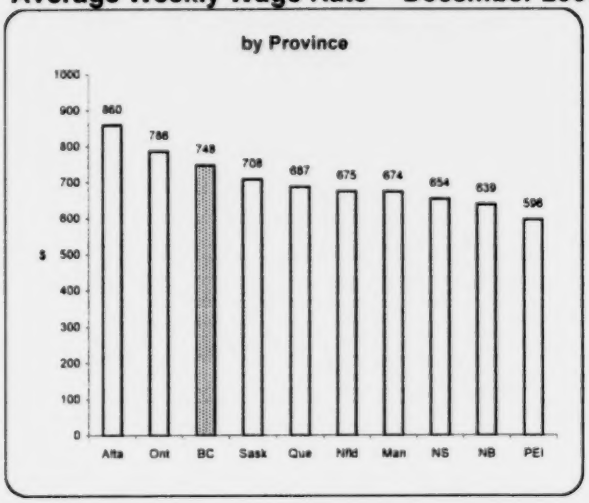

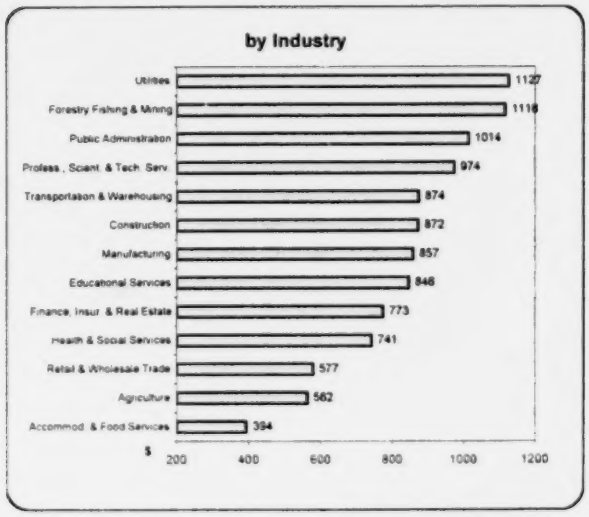

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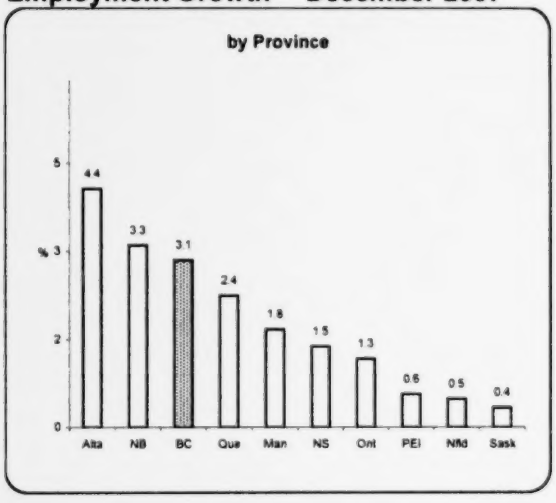

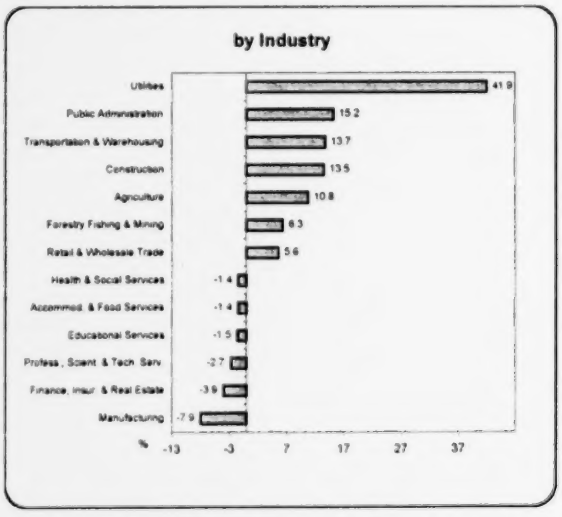

** Month over same month previous year (unadjusted)*

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

Feature Article: Older Workers in BC: Trends and Labour Market Characteristics

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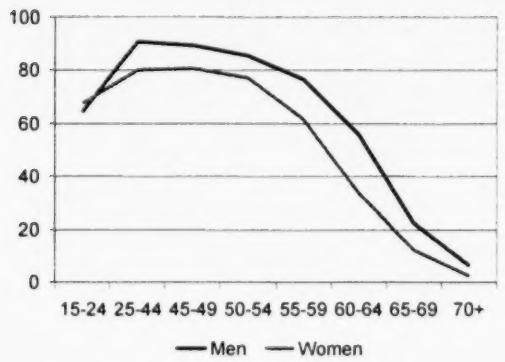
Introduction

Low unemployment rates along with an aging population point to potential labour market shortages in British Columbia. Older workers (those nearing or past retirement age) represent an important component of BC's labour force. As BC's population continues to age, older workers may play a critical role in alleviating potential labour market shortages.

This article focuses primarily on historical trends and labour market characteristics of older workers aged 55-64. Since most people are expected to retire sometime between age 55 and 64, this age group is of particular interest.[1] Although workers aged 65 and over may also form an important component of BC's labour force, labour force participation rates are quite low for those aged 65 and over.

Labour Force Participation Rates Fall Sharply After Age 55: Most Have Retired by Age 65

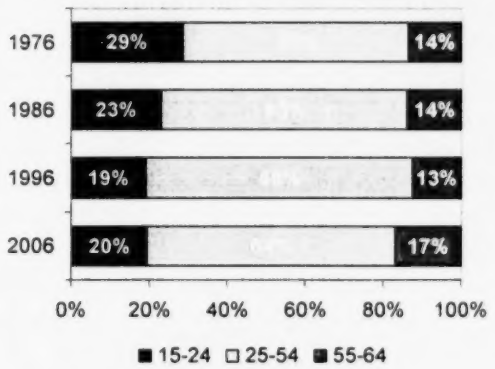


Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, 2006
(Data shown for BC)

BC's Aging Workforce

Over the past 30 years, the age structure of the BC population has changed considerably. As the baby boom generation has aged, the age structure of BC's working age population (aged 15-64) has also changed. Younger workers (aged 15-24) make up a considerably smaller portion of the total working age population than in the past. Approximately half of this decrease has been offset by an increase in older workers (aged 55-64) as a fraction of BC's total working age population.

Older Workers Represent an Increasing Proportion of BC's Working Age Population (Aged 15-64)



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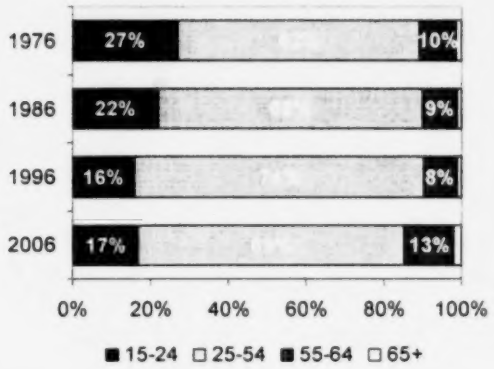
As the age structure of BC's working age population has changed, so too has the age structure of BC's labour force (those actively participating in the labour market, either employed or looking for work). Younger workers (aged 15-24) make up a smaller share of the labour force than in the past. This can be explained partly by the declining share of the working age population accounted for by this age group, and partly by an increase in the average age that students transition into the labour market.

[1] Statistics Canada, "Participation of Older Workers", *Perspective on Labour and Income*, August 2007

Together, these factors have combined to increase the relative share of older workers in BC's current labour market. Since 1976, the percentage of BC's labour force accounted for by workers aged 55-64 has increased from 10% to 13%.

Older Workers are Becoming an Increasingly Important Component of BC's Labour Force



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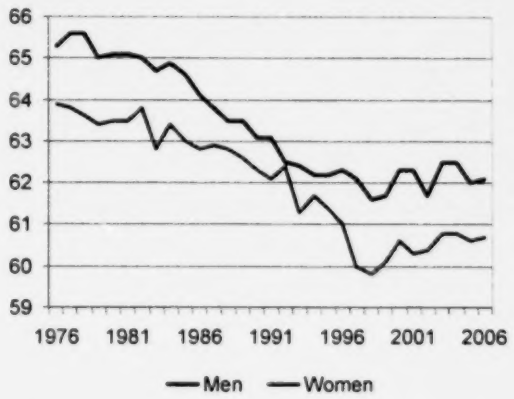
Retirement Age Trends

Across Canada, the average retirement age fell relatively steadily between 1976 and 1998. In 1998, the average retirement age for men was 61.6 years, while for women it was 59.8 years. Since 1998, the average retirement ages for both men and women have risen. In 2006, the average retirement age for men was 62.1, and for women it was 60.7. Due to relatively small sample sizes, Labour Force Survey estimates of average retirement ages at the provincial level are too unreliable to examine short-term trends. However, the Labour Force Survey data indicate that the average retirement age in BC follows the same general trend as the national average.

The National Average Retirement Age Reached Its Lowest Point in 1998



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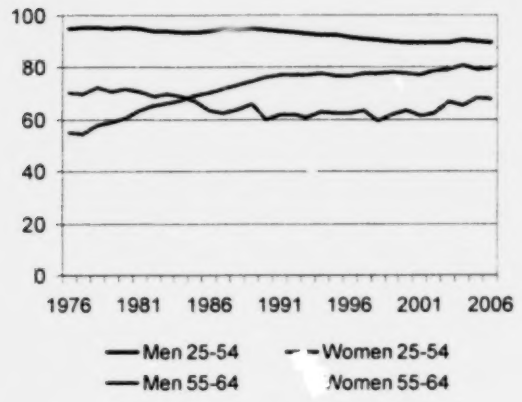
Trends in Participation and Unemployment Rates of Older Workers

Trends in labour force participation rates of older workers over the past 30 years are quite different for men and women. In BC, men aged 55-64 showed a slow decline in their labour force participation rate between 1976 and 1990. The participation rate of older males was relatively stable for the next decade, but has steadily increased in recent years. The labour force participation rate of males aged 55-64 was 68% in 2006.

In contrast, BC women aged 55-64 have shown a steadily increasing labour force participation rate since 1976. This increase parallels the general increase in women's labour force participation of recent decades. The overall increase in the labour force participation rate of older women (up almost 20 percentage points since 1976) is similar to the overall increase in the labour force participation rate of women aged 25-54 (up 25 percentage points since 1976). In 2006, the labour force participation rate of females aged 55-64 was 50%.

The Labour Force Participation Rates of Older Workers Have Risen in Recent Years



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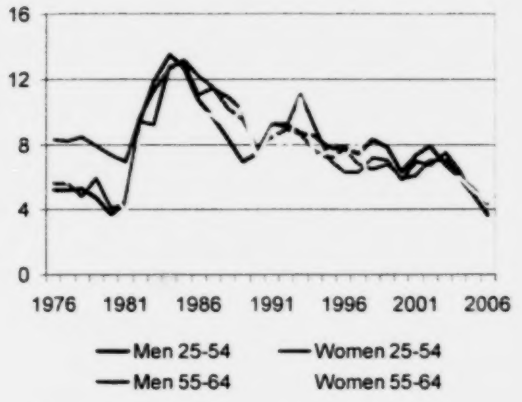
Older Workers Have Similar Unemployment Rates as Workers Aged 25-54



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

The unemployment rates of older workers (both male and female) have closely paralleled the unemployment rates of their prime working aged (25-54) counterparts. While the unemployment rate of women aged 55-64 is usually lower than the unemployment rate of women aged 25-54, there is no general trend when comparing the unemployment rates of men aged 55-64 and men aged 25-54.

Based on unemployment rate data, it appears that labour market conditions affect the employment opportunities of older workers in much the same way as they affect the employment opportunities of workers aged 25-54.

Industries and Occupations of Older Workers

In 2006, the distribution of older workers across industries and occupations was remarkably similar to the distribution of prime working aged (25-54) workers across industries and occupations.

At the industry level, older workers were a little more likely to work in educational services (10%) and health care and social assistance (13%) than their 25-54 year old counterparts (of which 8% and 11% worked in these industries, respectively). Older men were slightly less likely to work in construction (12%, vs. 14% of 25-54 year old men), and older women were a little less likely to work in trade (13%, compared to 15% of 25-54 year old women).

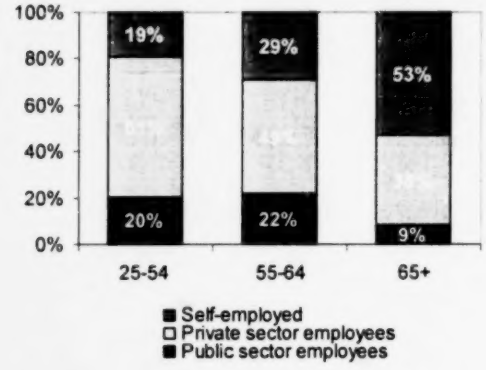
Older men were more likely to work in management occupations (17%) than their 25-54 year old counterparts (12%), which could be a direct result of increased years of experience. However, older men were less likely (8%) than 25-54 year old men (12%) to work in natural and applied sciences and related occupations.

The occupational differences between older women and women aged 25-54 were less pronounced, although older women were slightly more likely to work in health occupations (13%, vs. 11% of 25-54 year old women) and occupations in social science, education, government service and religion (14%, compared to 12% of 25-54 year old women).

Self-Employment Among Older Workers

Self-employment is far more prevalent among older workers than among their prime working aged counterparts. In 2006, 29% of workers aged 55-64 in BC were self-employed, while just 19% of workers aged 25-54 were self-employed. Beyond age 65, self-employment becomes even more common - over half of all BC workers aged 65 and over were self-employed in 2006.

Self-Employment is Common Among Older Workers

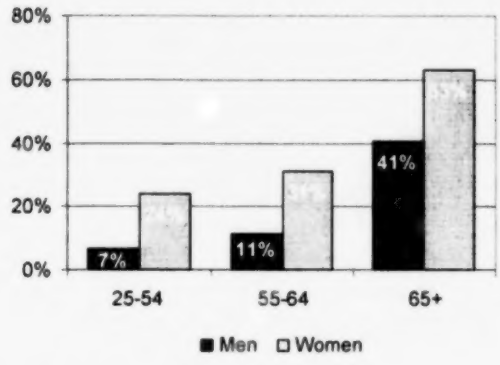


Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, 2006

Hours of Work

Compared to 25-54 year old workers, older workers are more likely to be employed part-time. In 2006, 11% of BC men aged 55-64 worked less than 30 hours per week at their main (or only) job, compared to just 7% of men aged 25-54. Women of all ages were more likely to work part-time than men, but older women (aged 55-64) were still more likely to work part-time (31%) than 25-54 year old women (24%).

Older Workers are More Likely to Work Part-Time
(Less than 30 hours per week at their main job)



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When prime working aged (25-54) workers were asked why they worked part-time, in 2006, 28% said personal preference. The remainder stated other reasons such as caring for children, business conditions, going to school, illness, or other personal or family responsibilities. However, older workers (aged 55-64) were far more likely to say the reason they worked part-time was because of personal preference (69%).

Although older workers were more likely to work part-time, the average 55-64 year old worker did not necessarily work fewer hours per week than the average 25-54 year old worker in BC.

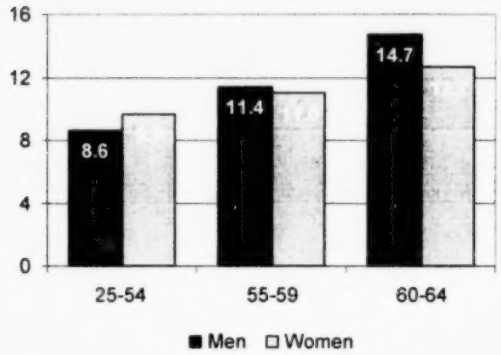
The Labour Force Survey asks workers to report the usual number of hours they work per week at their main job. In 2006, the average usual hours for men aged 25-54 was 40.9, while the average usual hours for men aged 55-64 was close behind at 40.3. Similarly, the average usual hours for women aged 25-54 was 34.1, while the average usual hours for women aged 55-64 was 32.7.

Absences from Work

Older workers are more likely than their 25-54 year old counterparts to be absent from work due to illness, disability, or other personal reasons. Furthermore, the average number of days lost from work per year is even higher for 60-64 year olds than for 55-59 year olds.

In 2006, the average number of days lost per year due to personal reasons was 11.4 for men aged 55-59, 14.7 for men aged 60-64, and only 8.6 for men aged 25-54. Similarly, women aged 55-59 lost an average of 11.0 days per year due to personal reasons (excluding maternity leave), while women aged 60-64 lost 12.7 days, and women aged 25-54 lost only 9.7 days.

The Average Number of Days Lost Per Year Due to Personal Reasons Increases with Age



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Participation of Older Workers in BC Compared to the Rest of Canada

In 2006, older workers in BC were almost equally likely to participate in the labour force as older workers in the rest of Canada. At 68.0%, the labour force participation rate of men aged 55-64 in BC was slightly above the national average of 66.3%. The labour force participation rate of women aged 55-64 in BC (49.9%) was slightly below the national average of 51.3%.

Alberta and Saskatchewan had the highest participation rates for men aged 55-64 in 2006, with Alberta's rate at 78.6% and Manitoba's rate at 74.9%. The highest labour force participation rates of women aged 55-64 in 2006 were found in Alberta (60.7%), Manitoba (59.3%), and Saskatchewan (58.0%).

1 SUMMARY TRENDS

		Consumer Price Index			Average Weekly Wage Rate						Employment Growth			Unemployment Rate		
					Current Dollars			Constant Dollars			Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
		BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.
		% Change			% Change			% Change			% Change			(%)		
	1997	0.8	1.7	2.3			4.5			2.1	2.4	2.1	2.3	8.4	9.1	4.9
	1998	0.3	1.0	1.6			3.9			2.3	-0.1	2.5	1.5	8.8	8.3	4.5
	1999	1.1	1.8	2.2	1.2	2.7	3.3	0.2	0.9	1.0	1.9	2.6	1.5	8.3	7.6	4.2
	2000	1.8	2.7	3.4	1.7	3.2	3.9	-0.1	0.5	0.5	1.9	2.5	2.5	7.1	6.8	4.0
	2001	1.7	2.5	2.8	1.4	3.2	2.7	-0.3	0.7	-0.2	-0.5	1.2	0.0	7.7	7.2	4.7
	2002	2.4	2.2	1.6	3.1	2.2	2.6	0.7	0.0	1.0	2.3	2.4	-0.3	8.5	7.7	5.8
	2003	2.2	2.8	2.3	2.3	1.9	2.2	0.1	-0.9	0.0	2.5	2.4	0.9	8.0	7.6	6.0
	2004	2.0	1.8	2.7	0.4	2.6	2.1	-1.5	0.8	-0.5	2.4	1.8	1.1	7.2	7.2	5.5
	2005	2.0	2.2	3.4	2.6	3.5	2.9	0.6	1.2	-0.5	3.3	1.4	1.8	5.9	6.8	5.1
	2006	1.7	2.0	3.2	3.1	3.5	4.3	1.3	1.5	1.1	3.1	1.9	1.9	4.8	6.3	4.6
2006	Jan	1.7	2.8	4.0	1.7	3.5	3.9	0.0	0.7	-0.1	3.1	1.7	2.0	5.0	6.6	4.7
	Feb	1.6	2.2	3.6	1.7	3.3	3.5	0.1	1.1	-0.1	3.5	1.7	2.1	4.7	6.3	4.7
	Mar	1.8	2.2	3.4	2.9	3.7	4.3	1.1	1.5	0.9	4.1	2.1	2.2	4.5	6.3	4.7
	Apr	1.7	2.4	3.5	2.9	3.5	5.2	1.2	1.0	1.6	3.7	1.9	1.8	4.5	6.4	4.7
	May	2.3	2.8	4.2	3.2	4.2	2.9	0.9	1.4	-1.2	3.0	2.5	1.8	4.7	6.1	4.7
	Jun	2.2	2.4	4.3	3.1	3.6	4.6	0.9	1.2	0.3	3.1	2.3	1.9	4.3	6.1	4.6
	Jul	2.1	2.3	4.1	3.2	3.9	5.5	1.2	1.6	1.3	3.1	2.0	1.6	4.8	6.4	4.7
	Aug	2.1	2.1	3.8	3.6	3.8	4.7	1.5	1.6	0.9	2.6	1.7	1.6	4.8	6.4	4.7
	Sep	1.0	0.7	2.1	2.9	3.2	4.1	1.8	2.4	2.0	3.2	1.9	1.7	4.8	6.4	4.5
	Oct	1.1	1.0	1.3	3.7	3.2	4.3	2.5	2.1	2.9	3.1	1.8	2.0	4.7	6.1	4.4
	Nov	1.5	1.4	2.0	3.0	3.0	4.1	1.5	1.6	2.1	1.9	1.7	2.1	5.0	6.2	4.5
	Dec	2.0	1.7	2.5	4.6	2.7	4.8	2.6	1.0	2.2	2.4	2.1	2.2	5.2	6.1	4.4
2007	Jan	2.3	1.1	2.1	3.2	1.9	2.6	0.9	0.8	0.5	3.7	2.4	2.0	4.3	6.2	4.6
	Feb	2.2	2.0	2.4	3.7	2.5	3.8	1.4	0.5	1.4	3.5	2.4	1.8	4.0	6.1	4.5
	Mar	2.1	2.3	2.8	3.5	1.9	4.3	1.3	-0.4	1.5	3.6	2.4	1.8	3.9	6.1	4.4
	Apr	1.9	2.2	2.6	3.8	2.3	3.7	1.8	0.1	1.1	2.6	2.3	1.3	4.4	6.1	4.5
	May	1.7	2.2	2.7	2.7	2.5	4.0	1.1	0.3	1.2	3.2	1.8	1.3	4.2	6.1	4.5
	Jun	1.5	2.2	2.7	2.4	3.2	4.0	0.9	1.0	1.3	3.2	2.0	1.2	4.4	6.1	4.6
	Jul	1.6	2.2	2.4	3.2	3.4	4.0	1.6	1.2	1.6	2.8	2.1	1.2	4.1	6.0	4.7
	Aug	1.3	1.7	2.0	3.9	3.7	3.6	2.6	1.9	1.6	3.2	2.3	0.7	4.0	6.0	4.7
	Sep	1.9	2.5	2.8	3.4	4.1	5.1	1.4	1.6	2.3	2.9	2.5	1.0	4.3	5.9	4.7
	Oct	1.6	2.4	3.5	2.2	4.1	2.1	0.6	1.7	-1.4	2.6	2.5	0.4	4.4	5.8	4.8
	Nov	1.3	2.5	4.3	1.9	4.1	3.5	0.6	1.6	-0.8	4.0	2.7	0.7	4.2	5.9	4.7
	Dec	-	-	-	2.2	4.9	-	-	-	-	3.3	2.2	-	4.2	5.9	-

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Sources: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey & United States Bureau of Labour Statistics

2.1 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1997	573.25		612.63		562.34		503.70		508.80		605.28		548.86		488.70		479.75		440.72		495.30	
1998	581.38		621.21		574.30		510.88		517.48		612.18		557.54		497.82		494.58		447.28		492.94	
1999	597.08	2.7	628.82	1.2	594.57	3.5	526.79	3.1	532.50	2.9	634.16	3.6	566.69	1.6	506.47	1.7	504.77	2.1	463.69	3.7	496.99	0.8
2000	616.02	3.2	639.37	1.7	617.23	3.8	545.87	3.6	551.82	3.6	656.96	3.6	579.75	2.3	533.68	5.4	523.89	3.8	473.88	2.2	525.69	5.8
2001	635.75	3.2	648.19	1.4	653.69	5.9	571.73	4.7	562.32	1.9	678.51	3.3	596.38	2.9	537.56	0.7	543.33	3.7	496.19	4.7	549.60	4.5
2002	649.94	2.2	668.04	3.1	684.20	4.7	585.61	2.4	574.53	2.2	689.97	1.7	606.22	1.6	546.18	1.6	558.11	2.7	508.69	2.5	567.69	3.3
2003	662.44	1.9	683.68	2.3	688.04	0.6	604.82	3.3	588.61	2.5	701.35	1.6	619.30	2.2	561.46	2.8	574.14	2.9	538.53	5.9	588.26	3.6
2004	679.83	2.6	686.74	0.4	703.63	2.3	627.34	3.7	612.04	4.0	721.00	2.8	641.46	3.6	574.18	2.3	588.07	2.4	562.57	4.5	587.82	-0.1
2005	703.35	3.5	704.49	2.6	757.32	7.6	643.13	2.5	625.21	2.2	744.94	3.3	656.66	2.4	591.28	3.0	607.46	3.3	560.82	-0.3	615.82	4.8
2006	727.78	3.5	726.02	3.1	814.24	7.5	676.82	5.2	641.38	2.6	767.14	3.0	672.03	2.3	610.85	3.3	618.60	1.8	580.76	3.6	642.91	4.4
2006 Jan	718.57	3.5	720.31	1.7	801.44	9.2	663.21	5.6	631.52	4.5	754.31	2.5	667.81	2.8	601.69	2.7	619.62	5.3	564.16	-3.4	639.77	7.5
Feb	715.74	3.3	716.86	1.7	789.54	7.0	670.31	4.6	628.65	2.8	756.15	3.2	660.80	2.2	596.64	3.4	612.17	4.5	567.78	-2.7	643.47	8.0
Mar	721.41	3.7	718.33	2.9	793.57	7.8	672.72	6.1	632.89	2.0	761.75	3.4	669.07	2.4	610.32	5.1	616.08	2.5	586.32	1.4	645.90	5.9
Apr	724.06	3.5	720.63	2.9	804.96	7.6	665.85	6.6	640.65	2.8	766.42	3.1	666.70	2.1	601.46	4.6	616.67	0.9	586.53	2.7	646.47	7.3
May	725.85	4.2	721.82	3.2	810.09	8.7	668.93	5.4	645.47	4.2	764.57	4.0	674.24	3.0	596.37	2.4	615.57	1.1	582.80	4.5	650.52	6.3
Jun	726.66	3.6	722.67	3.1	810.65	8.1	666.03	3.3	642.87	1.7	768.39	3.6	673.42	2.6	598.26	0.8	608.34	-1.7	571.95	4.6	645.58	3.1
Jul	729.45	3.9	721.25	3.2	816.99	7.8	670.58	3.9	641.45	2.6	772.43	3.4	677.21	3.7	606.57	3.6	611.28	0.2	568.50	5.8	617.84	1.0
Aug	734.85	3.8	728.13	3.6	833.92	9.4	677.97	4.5	641.43	1.4	773.50	2.7	682.19	3.3	620.86	4.4	613.67	0.8	568.66	4.2	632.63	0.3
Sep	735.97	3.2	730.10	2.9	828.49	6.8	689.30	5.1	649.64	1.5	776.31	2.5	677.82	2.6	626.24	2.7	627.42	1.9	577.79	5.2	654.29	3.6
Oct	733.76	3.2	732.68	3.7	816.11	5.3	689.50	6.4	647.19	3.2	774.58	3.0	674.46	1.4	626.51	4.3	624.72	1.5	599.63	7.2	659.68	5.8
Nov	734.49	3.0	739.68	3.0	828.17	6.2	693.58	6.2	647.73	2.4	771.99	2.7	671.41	1.2	624.54	3.6	624.24	2.6	606.28	7.1	640.92	2.8
Dec	731.18	2.7	739.16	4.6	833.06	6.1	691.90	5.0	646.01	2.0	764.08	1.6	667.85	0.8	621.22	2.6	633.74	3.1	590.48	5.1	639.80	2.9
2007 Jan	732.40	1.9	743.37	3.2	831.66	3.8	697.74	5.2	661.84	4.8	761.58	1.0	670.08	0.3	619.70	3.0	644.89	4.1	594.99	5.5	647.36	1.2
Feb	733.94	2.5	743.33	3.7	838.95	6.3	693.37	3.4	657.80	4.6	764.26	1.1	670.33	1.4	631.09	5.8	635.06	3.7	600.60	5.8	638.42	-0.8
Mar	735.11	1.9	743.18	3.5	839.89	5.8	680.34	1.1	655.52	3.6	767.19	0.7	671.08	0.3	634.12	3.9	645.30	4.7	590.76	0.8	640.77	-0.8
Apr	740.73	2.3	748.06	3.8	842.16	4.6	684.16	2.7	660.85	3.2	772.39	0.8	679.71	2.0	638.15	6.1	652.03	5.7	596.79	1.7	663.90	2.7
May	743.89	2.5	741.59	2.7	842.16	4.0	691.24	3.3	667.17	3.4	777.97	1.8	685.66	1.7	640.64	7.4	654.54	6.3	600.46	3.0	665.00	2.2
Jun	749.92	3.2	740.27	2.4	850.59	4.9	691.09	3.8	674.53	4.9	788.38	2.6	690.70	2.6	646.41	8.0	653.20	7.4	599.63	4.8	662.33	2.6
Jul	754.33	3.4	744.19	3.2	864.61	5.8	701.69	4.6	679.11	5.9	791.71	2.5	695.23	2.7	637.74	5.1	645.19	5.5	572.97	0.8	663.64	7.4
Aug	761.97	3.7	756.53	3.9	872.01	4.6	719.25	6.1	686.43	7.0	801.30	3.6	695.09	1.9	636.41	2.5	656.55	7.0	579.05	1.8	675.96	6.8
Sep	766.03	4.1	754.74	3.4	880.11	6.2	734.28	6.5	684.80	5.4	805.09	3.7	698.41	3.0	640.61	2.3	662.71	5.6	591.35	2.3	697.96	6.7
Oct	763.91	4.1	748.87	2.2	871.28	6.8	733.62	6.4	686.27	6.0	803.41	3.7	698.06	3.5	650.61	3.8	658.57	5.4	600.99	0.2	705.62	7.0
Nov	764.36	4.1	753.78	1.9	890.34	7.5	735.03	6.0	690.01	6.5	797.72	3.3	695.50	3.6	644.31	3.2	665.89	6.7	607.36	0.2	715.55	11.6
Dec	766.72	4.9	755.66	2.2	892.81	7.2	739.89	6.9	683.26	5.8	801.47	4.9	695.06	4.1	646.50	4.1	668.52	5.5	621.72	5.3	717.67	12.2
Average:																						
Jan-Dec06	727.67		725.97		813.92		676.66		641.29		767.04		671.92		610.89		618.63		580.91		643.07	
Jan-Dec07	751.11		747.80		859.71		708.48		673.97		786.04		687.08		638.86		653.54		596.39		674.52	
% Change	3.2		3.0		5.6		4.7		5.1		2.5		2.3		4.6		5.6		2.7		4.9	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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2.2 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1997	15.59		16.91		14.79		13.55		13.81		16.33		15.32		12.90		12.87		11.79		13.16	
1998	15.78		17.17		15.15		13.76		14.04		16.48		15.49		13.12		13.20		11.94		13.05	
1999	16.17	2.5	17.34	1.0	15.76	4.0	14.21	3.3	14.48	3.1	17.00	3.2	15.72	1.5	13.34	1.7	13.45	1.9	12.28	2.8	13.06	0.1
2000	16.66	3.0	17.64	1.7	16.29	3.4	14.73	3.7	14.98	3.5	17.59	3.5	16.07	2.2	14.01	5.0	14.01	4.2	12.63	2.9	13.74	5.2
2001	17.22	3.4	17.98	1.9	17.13	5.2	15.35	4.2	15.34	2.4	18.17	3.3	16.63	3.5	14.20	1.4	14.53	3.7	13.22	4.7	14.32	4.2
2002	17.66	2.6	18.59	3.4	17.99	5.0	15.83	3.1	15.72	2.5	18.54	2.0	16.97	2.0	14.45	1.8	14.81	1.9	13.61	3.0	14.88	3.9
2003	18.04	2.2	19.02	2.3	18.13	0.8	16.42	3.7	16.06	2.2	18.88	1.8	17.42	2.7	14.80	2.4	15.42	4.1	14.52	6.7	15.46	3.9
2004	18.50	2.5	18.99	-0.2	18.54	2.3	16.94	3.2	16.74	4.2	19.43	2.9	17.99	3.3	15.21	2.8	15.79	2.4	15.09	3.9	15.44	-0.1
2005	19.09	3.2	19.36	1.9	19.76	6.6	17.28	2.0	17.17	2.6	20.06	3.2	18.43	2.4	15.63	2.8	16.24	2.8	15.15	0.4	16.09	4.2
2006	19.72	3.3	19.91	2.8	21.12	6.9	18.11	4.8	17.55	2.2	20.65	2.9	18.87	2.4	16.21	3.7	16.65	2.5	15.48	2.2	16.60	3.2
2006 Jan	19.66	3.4	19.86	1.3	20.87	7.4	18.09	6.0	17.49	5.4	20.55	2.9	18.88	2.6	16.18	3.9	16.71	4.5	15.47	-2.8	16.96	5.7
Feb	19.61	3.3	19.81	1.5	20.61	6.1	18.12	4.9	17.34	1.9	20.58	3.8	18.77	1.8	16.24	4.3	16.74	5.1	15.61	-2.6	17.24	6.9
Mar	19.71	3.5	19.71	2.4	20.76	7.0	18.12	5.7	17.49	1.1	20.67	3.4	18.99	2.5	16.35	4.9	16.76	3.5	16.00	0.2	17.15	5.3
Apr	19.69	3.1	19.77	2.3	21.07	6.8	17.86	5.5	17.49	1.7	20.66	2.7	18.83	2.3	16.18	4.7	16.67	2.0	15.95	0.9	16.90	4.9
May	19.60	3.8	19.66	2.0	20.95	7.3	17.92	5.3	17.46	2.4	20.51	3.7	18.89	3.4	15.83	2.8	16.47	2.2	15.18	0.7	16.63	3.7
Jun	19.56	3.5	19.74	2.9	20.94	7.3	17.80	3.2	17.41	1.4	20.52	3.2	18.75	3.1	15.79	1.7	16.35	0.1	14.85	1.9	16.30	2.7
Jul	19.47	3.7	19.62	4.0	20.88	7.4	17.63	2.9	17.23	1.6	20.48	3.4	18.66	3.2	15.82	3.7	16.21	1.2	14.71	3.1	15.74	2.2
Aug	19.58	3.7	19.72	3.1	21.20	8.3	17.72	3.5	17.28	1.1	20.52	3.0	18.75	3.3	16.17	4.9	16.31	1.6	14.72	2.9	15.90	0.1
Sep	19.88	3.0	19.99	2.4	21.62	7.7	18.34	4.6	17.82	2.4	20.78	2.2	18.98	2.8	16.46	3.5	16.85	2.4	15.33	4.9	16.59	0.9
Oct	19.92	3.1	20.13	3.3	21.30	5.6	18.49	5.2	17.80	3.0	20.90	3.0	18.95	1.3	16.49	4.4	16.91	2.5	15.88	6.5	16.74	3.1
Nov	20.02	2.9	20.52	4.2	21.60	6.3	18.62	5.8	17.89	2.9	20.86	2.4	19.01	1.0	16.56	3.8	16.95	3.0	16.27	5.9	16.71	1.2
Dec	19.96	2.6	20.39	4.4	21.62	5.9	18.67	5.1	17.92	1.9	20.74	1.8	18.95	1.0	16.56	2.5	16.93	2.9	16.17	4.5	16.70	2.0
2007 Jan	20.10	2.2	20.54	3.4	21.73	4.1	18.78	3.8	18.26	4.4	20.83	1.4	19.11	1.2	16.65	2.9	17.30	3.5	16.38	5.9	17.17	1.2
Feb	20.15	2.8	20.57	3.8	21.86	6.1	18.77	3.6	18.20	5.0	20.89	1.5	19.14	2.0	16.97	4.5	17.14	2.4	16.60	6.3	17.22	-0.1
Mar	20.14	2.2	20.41	3.6	21.94	5.7	18.58	2.5	18.18	3.9	20.92	1.2	19.12	0.7	17.01	4.0	17.28	3.1	16.31	1.9	17.16	0.1
Apr	20.26	2.9	20.56	4.0	22.14	5.1	18.62	4.3	18.25	4.3	21.01	1.7	19.27	2.3	17.10	5.7	17.57	5.4	16.39	2.8	17.43	3.1
May	20.19	3.0	20.36	3.6	21.97	4.9	18.56	3.6	18.34	5.0	21.02	2.5	19.22	1.7	16.99	7.3	17.38	5.5	15.88	4.6	17.32	4.1
Jun	20.25	3.5	20.29	2.8	22.03	5.2	18.56	4.3	18.40	5.7	21.21	3.4	19.22	2.5	16.99	7.6	17.38	6.3	15.68	5.6	16.89	3.6
Jul	20.20	3.7	20.24	3.2	22.19	6.3	18.61	5.6	18.23	5.8	21.10	3.0	19.23	3.1	16.63	5.1	17.14	5.7	15.02	2.1	16.76	6.5
Aug	20.36	4.0	20.37	3.3	22.33	5.3	18.87	6.5	18.39	6.4	21.39	4.2	19.20	2.4	16.58	2.5	17.29	6.0	15.07	2.4	16.91	6.4
Sep	20.71	4.2	20.57	2.9	22.91	6.0	19.48	6.2	18.63	4.5	21.62	4.0	19.62	3.4	16.83	2.2	17.94	6.5	15.55	1.4	17.63	6.3
Oct	20.74	4.1	20.49	1.8	22.81	7.1	19.64	6.2	18.65	4.8	21.70	3.8	19.63	3.6	17.10	3.7	17.87	5.7	15.90	0.1	18.15	8.4
Nov	20.86	4.2	20.65	0.6	23.32	8.0	19.65	5.5	18.85	5.4	21.69	4.0	19.72	3.7	17.12	3.4	18.02	6.3	16.47	1.2	18.37	9.9
Dec	20.93	4.9	20.77	1.9	23.52	8.8	19.85	6.3	18.64	4.0	21.76	4.9	19.68	3.9	17.21	3.9	18.10	6.9	16.83	4.1	18.64	11.6
Average:																						
Jan-Dec06	19.72		19.91		21.12		18.12		17.55		20.65		18.87		16.22		16.66		15.51		16.63	
Jan-Dec07	20.41		20.49		22.40		19.00		18.42		21.26		19.35		16.93		17.53		16.01		17.47	
% Change	3.5		2.9		6.0		4.9		4.9		3.0		2.5		4.4		5.3		3.2		5.1	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.3 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1997	13,706.0		1,860.5		1,451.4		466.2		525.6		5,291.4		3,172.8		309.1		382.0		58.8		188.3	
1998	14,046.2	2.5	1,858.4	-0.1	1,509.9	4.0	470.5	0.9	534.2	1.6	5,453.3	3.1	3,257.5	2.7	315.2	2.0	395.3	3.5	59.6	1.4	192.4	2.2
1999	14,406.7	2.6	1,894.4	1.9	1,544.0	2.3	471.6	0.2	541.4	1.3	5,636.7	3.4	3,328.1	2.2	325.5	3.3	404.0	2.2	60.2	1.0	201.0	4.5
2000	14,764.2	2.5	1,931.3	1.9	1,584.0	2.6	473.5	0.4	552.3	2.0	5,817.1	3.2	3,402.8	2.2	331.2	1.8	411.4	1.8	62.7	4.2	198.0	-1.5
2001	14,946.2	1.2	1,921.6	-0.5	1,630.9	3.0	460.3	-2.8	554.3	0.4	5,926.2	1.9	3,440.2	1.1	330.1	-0.3	415.2	0.9	63.6	1.4	203.8	2.9
2002	15,310.4	2.4	1,965.0	2.3	1,670.8	2.4	468.3	1.7	567.2	2.3	6,031.4	1.8	3,569.9	3.8	343.1	3.9	422.9	1.9	64.7	1.7	207.2	1.7
2003	15,672.3	2.4	2,014.7	2.5	1,716.7	2.7	476.1	1.7	570.3	0.5	6,213.2	3.0	3,628.8	1.6	343.1	0.0	431.2	2.0	66.1	2.2	212.3	2.5
2004	15,947.0	1.8	2,062.7	2.4	1,757.5	2.4	479.7	0.8	576.6	1.1	6,316.5	1.7	3,680.5	1.4	350.1	2.0	442.2	2.6	66.9	1.2	214.3	0.9
2005	16,169.7	1.4	2,130.5	3.3	1,784.4	1.5	483.5	0.8	580.3	0.6	6,397.7	1.3	3,717.3	1.0	350.5	0.1	443.1	0.2	68.2	1.9	214.1	-0.1
2006	16,484.3	1.9	2,195.5	3.1	1,870.7	4.8	491.6	1.7	587.0	1.2	6,492.7	1.5	3,765.4	1.3	355.4	1.4	441.8	-0.3	68.6	0.6	215.7	0.7
2006 Jan	15,949.1	1.7	2,122.5	3.1	1,780.2	2.3	470.8	-0.5	574.1	1.1	6,337.6	1.9	3,639.1	1.1	342.9	3.0	425.0	-0.4	63.0	0.3	193.9	-2.7
Feb	16,041.7	1.7	2,141.7	3.5	1,812.8	3.7	471.9	-0.9	577.6	0.7	6,340.6	1.3	3,667.5	1.2	342.4	2.6	423.7	-0.4	63.6	0.5	199.9	1.4
Mar	16,106.7	2.1	2,164.9	4.1	1,824.4	3.9	474.4	-1.1	574.2	0.8	6,359.6	1.8	3,675.3	1.5	343.4	2.9	428.7	0.3	63.2	-0.8	198.5	-1.5
Apr	16,195.9	1.9	2,169.1	3.7	1,821.5	3.8	480.0	0.8	582.1	2.0	6,419.6	1.7	3,674.4	0.8	345.4	2.6	436.4	0.5	64.8	2.0	202.6	1.2
May	16,676.0	2.5	2,202.6	3.0	1,899.2	5.5	496.1	0.2	596.5	1.6	6,582.9	1.9	3,789.4	2.5	365.0	1.4	451.8	-0.6	72.7	3.0	220.0	2.5
Jun	16,854.5	2.2	2,226.3	3.1	1,908.8	5.2	503.4	1.1	599.1	1.6	6,624.9	1.8	3,860.0	1.7	373.6	2.6	453.5	-0.9	74.3	1.4	230.8	-0.8
Jul	16,856.8	2.0	2,228.2	3.1	1,897.8	4.6	504.8	1.5	593.2	0.7	6,608.5	1.9	3,887.6	1.3	373.0	1.3	453.0	-1.2	73.5	-0.5	237.1	-2.0
Aug	16,792.0	1.7	2,222.3	2.6	1,906.2	5.2	501.5	1.9	595.1	1.4	6,598.2	1.4	3,843.5	0.8	366.8	-0.2	453.6	-1.6	74.5	0.8	230.3	1.8
Sep	16,565.9	1.9	2,211.0	3.2	1,886.2	5.6	499.1	3.9	590.1	1.4	6,472.7	0.8	3,809.8	1.3	357.1	0.0	443.4	0.0	71.2	0.4	225.3	1.7
Oct	16,623.4	1.8	2,228.1	3.1	1,901.7	6.2	501.7	4.5	590.1	1.2	6,505.2	0.5	3,805.4	1.2	355.5	1.2	445.2	-0.4	69.2	-0.7	221.4	2.5
Nov	16,575.5	1.7	2,209.1	1.9	1,909.7	6.3	497.9	3.9	586.5	0.5	6,518.8	0.9	3,776.0	1.1	350.7	-0.3	443.2	0.5	67.4	0.3	216.1	1.0
Dec	16,574.5	2.1	2,219.6	2.4	1,899.5	5.6	497.3	4.8	585.4	0.6	6,543.9	1.8	3,757.5	1.1	349.0	-0.3	444.5	1.1	66.0	0.2	211.9	4.1
2007 Jan	16,364.9	2.6	2,213.4	4.3	1,901.9	6.8	493.4	4.8	579.8	1.0	6,437.2	1.6	3,701.1	1.7	342.4	-0.1	432.4	1.7	64.8	2.9	198.6	2.4
Feb	16,439.5	2.5	2,221.2	3.7	1,916.7	5.7	492.5	4.4	582.6	0.9	6,460.0	1.9	3,720.3	1.4	344.7	0.7	433.6	2.3	64.8	1.9	203.0	1.6
Mar	16,512.5	2.5	2,245.8	3.7	1,921.3	5.3	494.7	4.3	585.8	2.0	6,463.8	1.6	3,753.5	2.1	345.2	0.5	433.2	1.0	65.4	3.5	203.6	2.6
Apr	16,575.7	2.3	2,225.9	2.6	1,927.9	5.8	494.4	3.0	587.0	0.8	6,489.2	1.1	3,785.4	3.0	349.9	1.3	442.5	1.4	65.8	1.5	207.7	2.5
May	16,963.9	1.7	2,274.6	3.3	1,964.0	3.4	509.0	2.6	604.5	1.3	6,634.0	0.8	3,862.0	1.9	367.3	0.6	454.6	0.6	71.8	-1.2	222.2	1.0
Jun	17,195.5	2.0	2,294.9	3.1	1,995.2	4.5	509.9	1.3	608.2	1.5	6,685.9	0.9	3,954.6	2.5	382.8	2.5	458.9	1.2	74.4	0.1	230.6	-0.1
Jul	17,214.7	2.1	2,287.6	2.7	2,000.4	5.4	508.6	0.8	603.1	1.7	6,688.3	1.2	3,978.8	2.3	380.1	1.9	457.6	1.0	73.6	0.1	236.5	-0.3
Aug	17,173.5	2.3	2,291.3	3.1	1,995.0	4.7	504.5	0.6	603.3	1.4	6,699.2	1.5	3,938.8	2.5	378.8	3.3	456.6	0.7	75.1	0.8	230.9	0.3
Sep	16,965.2	2.4	2,272.4	2.8	1,974.0	4.7	504.4	1.1	599.4	1.6	6,603.6	2.0	3,897.5	2.3	369.5	3.5	448.1	1.1	71.8	0.8	224.4	-0.4
Oct	17,051.9	2.6	2,283.9	2.5	1,971.9	3.7	504.5	0.6	604.2	2.4	6,681.2	2.7	3,895.1	2.4	365.6	2.8	454.0	2.0	71.5	3.3	219.8	-0.7
Nov	17,009.9	2.6	2,297.8	4.0	1,962.7	2.8	505.9	1.6	603.9	3.0	6,656.9	2.1	3,885.4	2.9	366.8	4.6	448.4	1.2	66.7	-1.0	215.3	-0.4
Dec	16,929.8	2.1	2,287.3	3.1	1,982.3	4.4	499.1	0.4	595.9	1.8	6,626.0	1.3	3,848.0	2.4	360.6	3.3	451.1	1.5	66.4	0.6	213.0	0.5
Average:																						
Jan-Dec06	16,484.3		2,195.5		1,870.7		491.6		587.0		6,492.7		3,765.5		355.4		441.8		68.6		215.7	
Jan-Dec07	16,866.4		2,266.3		1,959.4		501.7		596.5		6,593.8		3,851.7		362.8		447.6		69.3		217.1	
% Change	2.3		3.2		4.7		2.1		1.6		1.6		2.3		2.1		1.3		1.1		0.7	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.4 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1997	34.2		33.0		35.8		35.7		34.5		34.5		33.4		35.1		34.2		35.2		34.1	
1998	33.9	-0.9	32.5	-1.5	34.8	-2.8	35.0	-2.0	34.3	-0.6	34.5	0.0	33.1	-0.9	34.9	-0.6	34.0	-0.6	34.8	-1.1	34.0	-0.3
1999	34.2	0.9	32.5	0.0	35.0	0.6	34.9	-0.3	34.2	-0.3	34.6	0.3	34.0	2.7	35.0	0.3	34.1	0.3	35.0	0.6	34.9	2.6
2000	34.5	0.9	33.2	2.2	35.7	2.0	35.2	0.9	34.5	0.9	34.7	0.3	33.8	-0.6	35.5	1.4	34.2	0.3	35.4	1.1	35.0	0.3
2001	33.8	-2.0	32.2	-3.0	35.7	0.0	34.7	-1.4	34.0	-1.4	34.2	-1.4	32.7	-3.3	34.7	-2.3	33.8	-1.2	35.1	-0.8	34.5	-1.4
2002	33.5	-0.9	32.0	-0.6	34.9	-2.2	34.1	-1.7	33.3	-2.1	34.0	-0.6	32.6	-0.3	34.6	-0.3	33.4	-1.2	34.5	-1.7	34.2	-0.9
2003	32.9	-1.8	31.8	-0.6	34.7	-0.6	33.7	-1.2	33.3	0.0	33.2	-2.4	31.9	-2.1	34.1	-1.4	32.9	-1.5	33.9	-1.7	33.3	-2.6
2004	33.3	1.2	32.3	1.6	34.9	0.6	33.8	0.3	33.3	0.0	33.7	1.5	32.3	1.3	33.8	-0.9	32.1	-2.4	33.0	-2.7	33.4	0.3
2005	33.5	0.6	32.6	0.9	35.5	1.7	34.4	1.8	33.4	0.3	33.8	0.3	32.5	0.6	34.2	1.2	33.1	3.1	33.8	2.4	34.1	2.1
2006	33.3	-0.6	32.5	-0.3	35.4	-0.3	34.5	0.3	33.4	0.0	33.4	-1.2	32.0	-1.5	34.3	0.3	32.9	-0.6	34.4	1.8	34.5	1.2
2006 Jan	34.3	1.8	33.8	3.0	36.7	4.0	34.3	4.6	33.5	-0.3	34.5	1.2	33.1	1.2	34.5	-0.9	33.6	0.6	33.1	0.6	33.9	0.9
Feb	33.7	-0.3	33.2	-1.8	35.8	0.8	31.9	-3.0	33.3	0.3	34.2	0.0	32.6	-0.3	34.0	-0.3	33.0	-0.9	33.1	1.8	34.2	0.6
Mar	33.0	-0.3	31.4	-7.1	36.4	1.7	34.8	1.2	34.5	2.7	32.2	0.6	33.1	0.3	34.5	2.1	30.3	-3.8	33.5	4.4	34.5	4.5
Apr	30.5	-11.8	29.9	-12.1	32.4	-9.7	31.4	-12.3	30.6	-11.6	30.3	-13.4	30.2	-10.4	31.1	-7.4	30.1	-11.7	29.4	-12.2	30.8	-8.6
May	34.7	0.0	33.8	0.0	36.2	0.6	37.8	1.9	35.5	1.1	35.0	0.0	33.3	-0.6	36.0	2.9	34.8	-0.3	38.3	6.1	36.8	3.7
Jun	35.0	0.0	33.9	0.3	36.4	0.0	36.2	-0.3	35.3	1.1	35.4	0.3	33.6	-1.2	35.9	0.3	34.3	-2.3	38.1	4.7	38.0	1.9
Jul	32.2	0.3	31.8	0.0	34.7	0.3	33.5	0.3	31.8	-1.2	32.6	0.9	30.2	0.0	33.6	0.0	32.8	0.9	34.0	-0.9	35.2	2.0
Aug	31.8	-0.6	31.1	0.6	33.7	-1.5	34.7	3.9	32.3	-0.3	32.2	-0.9	29.9	-1.3	32.9	-1.5	31.8	0.3	34.6	1.5	32.3	0.3
Sep	34.6	-0.6	34.0	1.5	36.3	-1.4	36.3	-0.5	35.0	-1.4	34.9	-0.3	33.2	-1.2	36.3	-1.1	34.8	1.5	36.4	1.4	35.3	-1.4
Oct	30.7	-0.3	30.7	4.4	33.0	-2.9	32.3	-3.0	30.6	-0.3	30.6	-0.6	29.1	-1.4	32.4	0.6	30.8	0.3	32.7	2.5	32.5	0.0
Nov	34.2	4.0	33.5	10.2	36.3	6.1	34.7	8.1	33.9	10.8	34.6	2.1	32.9	-0.3	35.0	10.4	34.0	10.4	34.8	13.4	34.8	8.1
Dec	34.3	-0.9	33.4	-0.9	36.9	0.0	35.4	1.7	34.1	-0.3	34.3	-1.7	33.4	-0.3	35.3	0.6	34.7	0.6	33.9	-0.3	35.8	2.3
2007 Jan	33.6	-2.0	33.2	-1.8	36.2	-1.4	34.4	0.3	33.6	0.3	33.9	-1.7	32.0	-3.3	34.0	-1.4	33.6	0.0	33.0	-0.3	33.8	-0.3
Feb	33.3	-1.2	33.2	0.0	35.9	0.3	32.1	0.6	33.0	-0.9	33.4	-2.3	31.9	-2.1	34.0	0.0	33.2	0.6	32.1	-3.0	33.1	-3.2
Mar	32.7	-0.9	33.0	5.1	36.3	-0.3	34.6	-0.6	33.7	-2.3	31.7	-1.6	32.2	-2.7	34.3	-0.6	30.5	0.7	31.8	-5.1	33.6	-2.6
Apr	34.3	12.5	34.0	13.7	35.6	9.9	35.5	13.1	34.8	13.7	34.9	15.2	32.5	7.6	34.6	11.3	33.9	12.6	33.0	12.2	34.1	10.7
May	34.6	-0.3	33.8	0.0	35.8	-1.1	37.1	-1.9	34.5	-2.8	34.7	-0.9	33.7	1.2	35.4	-1.7	35.1	0.9	36.1	-5.7	35.5	-3.5
Jun	34.9	-0.3	33.8	-0.3	36.7	0.8	36.3	0.3	35.4	0.3	35.2	-0.6	33.5	-0.3	35.7	-0.6	35.3	2.9	37.6	-1.3	36.8	-3.2
Jul	31.1	-3.4	32.0	0.6	34.3	-1.2	33.6	0.3	32.0	0.6	32.6	0.0	25.6	-15.2	32.9	-2.1	32.3	-1.5	33.4	-1.8	35.3	0.3
Aug	31.7	-0.3	31.3	0.6	34.8	3.3	34.0	-2.0	32.4	0.3	32.1	-0.3	29.4	-1.7	32.0	-2.7	31.6	-0.6	33.1	-4.3	33.0	2.2
Sep	34.6	0.0	33.7	-0.9	37.0	1.9	37.2	2.5	35.5	1.4	34.8	-0.3	33.2	0.0	35.5	-2.2	34.4	-1.1	35.8	-1.6	36.4	3.1
Oct	30.7	0.0	30.7	0.0	33.5	1.5	32.6	0.9	31.0	1.3	30.4	-0.7	29.1	0.0	32.0	-1.2	31.1	1.0	32.4	-0.9	32.7	0.6
Nov	34.2	0.0	32.9	-1.8	36.9	1.7	35.2	1.4	34.6	2.1	34.4	-0.6	33.0	0.3	35.0	0.0	34.2	0.6	33.7	-3.2	35.9	3.2
Dec	34.2	-0.3	33.5	0.3	36.3	-1.6	35.4	0.0	34.7	1.8	34.5	0.6	32.9	-1.5	34.7	-1.7	34.4	-0.9	33.1	-2.4	35.6	-0.6
Average:																						
Jan-Dec06	33.3		32.5		35.4		34.4		33.4		33.4		32.1		34.3		32.9		34.3		34.5	
Jan-Dec07	33.3		32.9		35.8		34.8		33.8		33.6		31.6		34.2		33.3		33.8		34.7	
% Change	0.2		1.2		1.1		1.1		1.2		0.4		-1.5		-0.3		1.2		-1.7		0.4	

* Average Actual Hours, AIII Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.1 B.C. SECTOR COMPARISON - EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

	Average Weekly Wage rate				Average Hourly Wage Rate				Employment (Actual)				Average Weekly Hours Worked*			
	Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1997	731.93		579.76		18.51		16.47		417.3		1,443.2		36.3		32.0	
1998	754.02		584.04		18.99		16.66		408.5	-2.1	1,449.9	0.5	36.0	-0.8	31.5	-1.6
1999	763.14	1.2	594.48	1.8	19.20	1.1	16.86	1.2	393.8	-3.6	1,500.5	3.5	36.2	0.6	31.5	0.0
2000	764.48	0.2	607.09	2.1	19.26	0.3	17.23	2.2	406.3	3.2	1,525.0	1.6	36.9	1.9	32.3	2.5
2001	780.91	2.1	616.03	1.5	19.60	1.8	17.59	2.1	382.3	-5.9	1,539.3	0.9	36.3	-1.6	31.2	-3.4
2002	787.66	0.9	638.67	3.7	19.91	1.6	18.27	3.9	392.2	2.6	1,572.8	2.2	35.8	-1.4	31.0	-0.6
2003	809.71	2.8	651.68	2.0	20.47	2.8	18.66	2.1	416.4	6.2	1,598.3	1.6	35.6	-0.6	30.8	-0.6
2004	793.81	-2.0	658.93	1.1	19.94	-2.6	18.74	0.4	436.9	4.9	1,625.8	1.7	36.3	2.0	31.2	1.3
2005	807.50	1.7	678.52	3.0	20.20	1.3	19.15	2.2	452.7	3.6	1,677.8	3.2	36.7	1.1	31.5	1.0
2006	836.11	3.5	698.28	2.9	20.87	3.3	19.67	2.7	463.9	2.5	1,731.6	3.2	36.5	-0.5	31.5	0.0
2006 Jan	835.07	2.6	693.64	1.8	20.96	1.6	19.60	1.3	421.5	-3.9	1,701.1	5.1	37.1	4.5	33.0	2.8
Feb	828.76	3.3	690.29	1.5	20.93	3.5	19.55	1.1	442.5	0.2	1,699.2	4.4	36.5	-3.4	32.4	-1.2
Mar	828.13	3.2	691.25	2.9	20.94	4.2	19.41	2.0	454.3	4.6	1,710.6	3.9	36.6	-3.9	30.0	-8.3
Apr	820.50	0.3	696.46	3.8	20.69	1.6	19.55	2.6	449.6	1.4	1,719.5	4.3	32.6	-15.8	29.2	-11.0
May	839.29	2.8	692.71	3.4	20.74	1.7	19.39	2.1	460.5	2.1	1,742.0	3.3	37.2	-2.4	33.0	0.9
Jun	825.71	1.9	696.82	3.6	20.57	2.0	19.53	3.1	464.4	-0.2	1,761.9	4.0	38.0	-0.3	32.9	0.9
Jul	819.03	2.9	694.94	3.4	20.37	3.7	19.41	4.0	493.5	1.5	1,734.7	3.6	36.2	-1.6	30.5	0.7
Aug	827.52	5.2	701.45	3.1	20.60	4.7	19.49	2.7	487.9	2.7	1,734.4	2.5	35.4	-1.4	29.9	1.4
Sep	844.54	4.9	701.25	2.2	20.82	3.8	19.78	2.0	469.7	4.6	1,741.3	2.8	38.5	0.5	32.8	1.5
Oct	844.52	5.3	703.74	3.1	20.89	4.1	19.93	3.1	475.3	5.2	1,752.8	2.6	34.7	4.5	29.6	4.2
Nov	859.78	3.7	708.06	2.5	21.57	4.3	20.25	4.2	476.0	5.3	1,733.1	1.0	37.8	12.5	32.3	9.1
Dec	859.65	6.1	708.64	3.9	21.40	4.7	20.14	4.2	471.2	6.2	1,748.3	1.4	37.0	-0.3	32.4	-1.2
2007 Jan	861.31	3.1	712.85	2.8	21.41	2.1	20.32	3.7	474.3	12.5	1,739.1	2.2	36.0	-3.0	32.4	-1.8
Feb	873.42	5.4	710.97	3.0	21.77	4.0	20.28	3.7	467.1	5.6	1,754.1	3.2	37.8	3.6	32.0	-1.2
Mar	874.10	5.6	709.98	2.7	21.65	3.4	20.10	3.6	482.6	6.2	1,763.2	3.1	37.0	1.1	31.9	6.3
Apr	865.93	5.5	717.00	2.9	21.54	4.1	20.30	3.8	485.6	8.0	1,740.3	1.2	37.9	16.3	32.9	12.7
May	871.90	3.9	707.38	2.1	21.57	4.0	20.05	3.4	495.9	7.7	1,778.7	2.1	37.8	1.6	32.7	-0.9
Jun	876.36	6.1	704.29	1.1	21.77	5.8	19.89	1.8	510.4	9.9	1,784.5	1.3	38.4	1.1	32.4	-1.5
Jul	880.48	7.5	707.57	1.8	21.94	7.7	19.78	1.9	513.2	4.0	1,774.4	2.3	36.8	1.7	30.6	0.3
Aug	895.26	8.2	718.92	2.5	22.12	7.4	19.89	2.1	514.4	5.4	1,776.8	2.4	36.7	3.7	29.8	-0.3
Sep	902.00	6.8	714.92	1.9	22.33	7.3	20.09	1.6	506.7	7.9	1,765.6	1.4	37.6	-2.3	32.6	-0.6
Oct	889.59	5.3	711.78	1.1	22.22	6.4	20.04	0.6	503.0	5.8	1,780.9	1.6	34.1	-1.7	29.7	0.3
Nov	886.36	3.1	719.30	1.6	22.25	3.2	20.24	0.0	505.2	6.1	1,792.6	3.4	36.6	-3.2	31.9	-1.2
Dec	895.24	4.1	720.01	1.6	22.36	4.5	20.37	1.1	490.5	4.1	1,796.8	2.8	37.7	1.9	32.4	0.0
Average:																
Jan-Dec06	836.04		698.27		20.87		19.67		463.9		1,731.6		36.5		31.5	
Jan-Dec07	881.00		712.91		21.91		20.11		495.7		1,770.6		37.0		31.8	
% Change	5.4		2.1		5.0		2.3		6.9		2.3		1.6		0.9	

* Average Actual Hours, Alll Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1997	731.93		419.45		894.10		891.22		734.88		683.80	
1998	754.02		448.71		899.86		965.38		748.01		728.54	
1999	763.14	1.2	518.47	15.5	943.23	4.8	919.16	-4.8	756.61	1.1	706.60	-3.0
2000	764.48	0.2	443.18	-14.5	945.49	0.2	952.59	3.6	750.08	-0.9	737.24	4.3
2001	780.91	2.1	463.69	4.6	974.68	3.1	945.04	-0.8	762.88	1.7	786.23	6.6
2002	787.66	0.9	458.57	-1.1	953.33	-2.2	980.51	3.8	784.68	2.9	778.14	-1.0
2003	809.71	2.8	479.92	4.7	968.26	1.6	1079.10	10.1	807.45	2.9	779.83	0.2
2004	793.81	-2.0	494.54	3.0	1019.25	5.3	998.53	-7.5	791.22	-2.0	784.30	0.6
2005	807.50	1.7	506.64	2.4	1047.49	2.8	1056.01	5.8	803.36	1.5	778.92	-0.7
2006	836.11	3.5	488.52	-3.6	1089.11	4.0	1089.09	3.1	826.97	2.9	823.56	5.7
2006 Jan	835.07	2.6	507.45	-16.8	1083.22	7.2	1020.34	9.1	843.14	5.3	791.43	-2.0
Feb	828.76	3.3	502.71	-3.1	1082.06	10.7	933.63	0.8	827.25	4.1	814.44	1.2
Mar	828.13	3.2	531.36	-3.3	1087.20	6.0	1264.05	31.3	819.07	5.5	805.71	-1.9
Apr	820.50	0.3	425.55	-13.4	1078.74	3.9	1129.50	2.0	820.83	3.1	819.48	-1.2
May	839.29	2.8	461.01	1.2	1077.79	3.0	1148.99	-3.4	826.91	3.1	847.23	7.2
Jun	825.71	1.9	476.02	-1.4	1068.02	6.3	1141.51	6.3	818.55	-0.2	812.04	6.2
Jul	819.03	2.9	458.28	-12.0	1079.95	4.9	1076.91	-1.7	826.43	3.5	790.55	4.3
Aug	827.52	5.2	454.83	-10.5	1060.52	10.8	1114.01	-1.6	837.32	3.9	807.39	8.5
Sep	844.54	4.9	445.42	-6.6	1107.02	4.8	1077.61	-2.7	837.28	4.1	836.32	9.7
Oct	844.52	5.3	543.40	12.8	1122.38	0.4	1035.84	-3.5	809.88	1.2	848.52	14.1
Nov	859.78	3.7	558.36	8.3	1103.49	-5.6	1112.44	8.3	835.63	1.6	840.99	7.4
Dec	859.65	6.1	531.55	8.8	1100.70	-6.5	1052.69	17.4	822.97	0.5	867.75	14.7
2007 Jan	861.31	3.1	520.61	2.6	1105.10	2.0	1143.37	12.1	821.57	-2.6	865.72	9.4
Feb	873.42	5.4	551.13	9.6	1077.65	-0.4	1327.62	42.2	836.85	1.2	864.41	6.1
Mar	874.10	5.6	556.59	4.7	1095.45	0.8	1257.00	-0.6	838.07	2.3	883.51	9.7
Apr	865.93	5.5	588.80	38.4	1031.82	-4.3	1114.07	-1.4	857.63	4.5	853.94	4.2
May	871.90	3.9	586.02	27.1	1036.89	-3.8	1105.66	-3.8	870.21	5.2	855.85	1.0
Jun	876.36	6.1	547.26	15.0	1079.00	1.0	1197.43	4.9	868.29	6.1	856.10	5.4
Jul	880.48	7.5	586.31	27.9	1124.82	4.2	1111.37	3.2	849.01	2.7	889.49	12.5
Aug	895.26	8.2	562.01	23.6	1128.08	6.4	1123.31	0.8	887.27	6.0	874.28	8.3
Sep	902.00	6.8	571.70	28.4	1228.29	11.0	1108.19	2.8	868.26	3.7	896.20	7.2
Oct	889.59	5.3	583.96	7.5	1189.31	6.0	1026.47	-0.9	853.48	5.4	883.36	4.1
Nov	886.36	3.1	545.70	-2.3	1141.36	3.4	981.91	-11.7	859.73	2.9	881.12	4.8
Dec	895.24	4.1	543.98	2.3	1159.28	5.3	1024.11	-2.7	879.16	6.8	862.74	-0.6
Average:												
Jan-Dec06	836.04		491.33		1087.59		1092.29		827.11		823.49	
Jan-Dec07	881.00		562.01		1116.42		1126.71		857.46		872.23	
% Change	5.4		14.4		2.7		3.2		3.7		5.9	

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1997	579.76		700.83		489.26		590.49		733.47		738.41		604.89		315.46		787.32		612.63	
1998	584.04		720.07		481.79		631.81		750.34		725.43		614.73		328.88		767.01		621.21	
1999	594.48	1.8	733.87	1.9	503.61	4.5	627.82	-0.6	776.25	3.5	738.95	1.9	624.62	1.6	318.75	-3.1	791.92	3.2	628.82	1.2
2000	607.09	2.1	730.56	-0.5	489.95	-2.7	677.15	7.9	778.28	0.3	766.76	3.8	635.84	1.8	338.07	6.1	813.88	2.8	639.37	1.7
2001	616.03	1.5	770.96	5.5	488.29	-0.3	682.44	0.8	808.78	3.9	745.10	-2.8	660.53	3.9	344.40	1.9	825.90	1.5	648.19	1.4
2002	638.67	3.7	801.51	4.0	502.66	2.9	732.43	7.3	850.34	5.1	776.52	4.2	688.72	4.3	334.46	-2.9	889.68	7.7	668.04	3.1
2003	651.68	2.0	803.93	0.3	522.83	4.0	728.90	-0.5	859.44	1.1	791.53	1.9	707.75	2.8	350.03	4.7	906.69	1.9	683.68	2.3
2004	658.93	1.1	788.53	-1.9	521.95	-0.2	721.30	-1.0	841.32	-2.1	825.68	4.3	732.99	3.6	362.56	3.6	911.87	0.6	686.74	0.4
2005	678.52	3.0	838.68	6.4	522.12	0.0	732.85	1.6	930.40	10.6	852.02	3.2	727.40	-0.8	385.89	6.4	952.45	4.5	704.49	2.6
2006	698.28	2.9	853.73	1.8	560.93	7.4	767.73	4.8	953.97	2.5	848.00	-0.5	749.46	3.0	375.41	-2.7	990.00	3.9	726.02	3.1
2006 Jan	693.64	1.8	866.24	1.6	553.17	6.8	788.44	5.6	903.99	1.4	837.86	-0.8	735.18	-2.1	370.93	40.2	961.52	-0.5	720.31	1.7
Feb	690.29	1.5	850.67	4.7	565.29	8.6	749.20	3.1	924.97	1.0	851.84	3.3	728.34	-2.5	352.16	33.4	982.29	2.2	716.86	1.7
Mar	691.25	2.9	846.80	3.5	560.31	9.3	758.48	2.6	906.07	-2.0	840.81	1.8	747.09	3.8	362.28	36.3	932.04	-3.3	718.33	2.9
Apr	696.46	3.8	870.13	7.8	537.55	1.4	765.97	8.3	985.51	2.4	877.54	5.4	744.63	3.1	359.89	37.8	953.68	1.4	720.63	2.9
May	692.71	3.4	858.97	4.7	551.32	7.6	752.71	6.3	948.81	0.3	844.15	-0.7	745.46	4.5	357.82	30.3	986.84	9.2	721.82	3.2
Jun	696.82	3.6	872.60	1.3	553.58	8.0	781.51	6.6	956.48	6.3	851.07	-1.2	742.40	3.3	381.10	39.6	997.81	7.3	722.67	3.1
Jul	694.94	3.4	853.16	-0.5	569.85	10.3	773.83	8.3	997.92	8.4	867.79	4.6	722.55	0.1	383.01	45.2	947.89	4.3	721.25	3.2
Aug	701.45	3.1	828.70	-0.6	567.53	8.4	801.75	13.3	970.34	3.1	867.82	-4.8	757.46	5.0	378.74	39.8	1027.47	8.9	728.13	3.6
Sep	701.25	2.2	818.94	-3.7	557.14	2.3	805.67	10.1	954.36	1.1	828.93	-1.4	771.35	5.8	379.47	40.1	1029.24	5.6	730.10	2.9
Oct	703.74	3.1	842.76	-2.0	564.66	8.2	819.28	7.3	941.95	0.0	823.65	-5.4	765.97	5.8	392.52	48.1	1020.94	4.3	732.68	3.7
Nov	708.06	2.5	877.53	5.9	566.40	8.0	728.64	-5.2	974.54	2.4	844.92	-4.2	770.40	4.2	386.56	48.0	1024.01	4.6	739.68	3.0
Dec	708.64	3.9	857.69	0.2	585.54	11.2	691.12	-8.6	982.31	5.9	846.48	-1.7	761.75	6.1	397.79	52.1	1024.21	3.8	739.16	4.6
2007 Jan	712.85	2.8	851.13	-1.7	585.36	5.8	749.38	-5.0	981.07	8.5	838.91	0.1	771.93	5.0	378.56	2.1	1015.38	5.6	743.37	3.2
Feb	710.97	3.0	857.76	0.8	567.16	0.3	738.92	-1.4	978.13	5.7	824.45	-3.2	766.63	5.3	378.82	7.6	1015.69	3.4	743.33	3.7
Mar	709.98	2.7	858.77	1.4	558.53	-0.3	787.74	3.9	1020.68	12.6	825.77	-1.8	751.79	0.6	378.66	4.5	1036.14	11.2	743.18	3.5
Apr	717.00	2.9	863.23	-0.8	604.33	12.4	761.78	-0.5	981.21	-0.4	823.03	-6.2	738.42	-0.8	394.91	9.7	1033.86	8.4	748.06	3.8
May	707.38	2.1	854.23	-0.6	582.72	5.7	787.21	4.6	934.87	-1.5	833.67	-1.2	727.68	-2.4	391.65	9.5	1029.73	4.3	741.59	2.7
Jun	704.29	1.1	851.65	-2.4	575.91	4.0	781.55	0.0	931.67	-2.6	861.85	1.3	700.94	-5.6	393.19	3.2	1037.43	4.0	740.27	2.4
Jul	707.57	1.8	896.73	5.1	587.82	3.2	748.64	-3.3	955.98	-4.2	872.91	0.6	720.73	-0.3	407.78	6.5	1028.34	8.5	744.19	3.2
Aug	718.92	2.5	900.18	8.6	586.52	3.3	762.65	-4.9	1003.47	3.4	906.42	4.4	739.71	-2.3	427.26	12.8	1017.89	-0.9	756.53	3.9
Sep	714.92	1.9	894.00	9.2	577.03	3.6	777.84	-3.5	983.81	3.1	845.80	2.0	728.18	-5.6	411.82	8.5	985.49	-4.3	754.74	3.4
Oct	711.78	1.1	901.87	7.0	576.03	2.0	784.12	-4.3	944.22	0.2	837.49	1.7	740.23	-3.4	399.72	1.8	972.72	-4.7	748.87	2.2
Nov	719.30	1.6	850.15	-3.1	580.29	2.5	804.81	10.5	955.38	-2.0	846.47	0.2	743.62	-3.5	388.35	0.5	1003.10	-2.0	753.78	1.9
Dec	720.01	1.6	906.16	5.7	548.24	-6.4	794.14	14.9	1017.81	3.6	835.64	-1.3	767.70	0.8	375.29	-5.7	989.78	-3.4	755.66	2.2
Average:																				
Jan-Dec06	698.27		853.68		561.03		768.05		953.94		848.57		749.38		375.19		990.66		725.97	
Jan-Dec07	712.91		873.82		577.50		773.23		974.03		846.03		741.46		393.83		1013.80		747.80	
% Change	2.1		2.4		2.9		0.7		2.1		-0.3		-1.1		5.0		2.3		3.0	

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1997	18.51		11.50		21.43		23.55		18.50		17.80	
1998	18.99		12.04		21.23		25.21		18.94		18.62	
1999	19.20	1.1	13.72	14.0	21.93	3.3	24.16	-4.2	19.14	1.1	18.23	-2.1
2000	19.26	0.3	11.38	-17.1	22.71	3.6	24.75	2.4	18.95	-1.0	18.93	3.8
2001	19.60	1.8	11.92	4.7	22.80	0.4	24.76	0.0	19.29	1.8	19.89	5.1
2002	19.91	1.6	11.83	-0.8	22.32	-2.1	25.92	4.7	19.88	3.1	20.02	0.7
2003	20.47	2.8	12.77	7.9	23.20	3.9	28.13	8.5	20.47	3.0	19.91	-0.5
2004	19.94	-2.6	12.61	-1.3	24.00	3.4	25.81	-8.2	20.01	-2.2	19.78	-0.7
2005	20.20	1.3	12.69	0.6	24.19	0.8	27.57	6.8	20.31	1.5	19.57	-1.1
2006	20.87	3.3	12.74	0.4	25.21	4.2	28.00	1.6	20.92	3.0	20.52	4.9
2006 Jan	20.96	1.6	13.38	-12.4	24.48	2.1	27.40	9.5	21.43	6.1	19.94	-5.3
Feb	20.93	3.5	14.22	9.0	25.13	8.1	25.33	3.4	21.14	4.6	20.27	-0.2
Mar	20.94	4.2	14.79	12.7	25.43	4.4	30.95	21.5	20.89	5.6	20.36	0.1
Apr	20.69	1.6	12.48	1.8	25.00	2.4	28.90	0.5	20.87	3.6	20.51	0.3
May	20.74	1.7	12.31	6.8	24.21	0.3	29.89	-3.3	20.89	2.6	20.55	4.3
Jun	20.57	2.0	12.89	7.3	24.89	7.6	29.41	5.9	20.57	-0.2	20.19	5.1
Jul	20.37	3.7	11.40	-11.8	25.52	9.5	28.07	-0.7	20.72	3.7	19.68	5.1
Aug	20.60	4.7	12.02	0.2	25.01	9.6	27.71	-5.9	20.98	3.7	20.14	6.9
Sep	20.82	3.8	11.33	-8.3	24.93	2.2	26.65	-6.4	21.07	4.2	20.68	8.6
Oct	20.89	4.1	12.75	4.2	25.45	1.6	26.81	-4.8	20.52	0.9	21.06	12.2
Nov	21.57	4.3	13.52	3.3	25.91	0.9	28.79	8.0	21.29	2.1	21.22	7.7
Dec	21.40	4.7	12.93	-3.5	26.02	-2.6	26.94	11.7	20.76	-0.4	21.63	12.5
2007 Jan	21.41	2.1	13.22	-1.2	25.34	3.5	29.58	8.0	20.70	-3.4	21.76	9.1
Feb	21.77	4.0	14.39	1.2	24.78	-1.4	34.11	34.7	21.16	0.1	21.63	6.7
Mar	21.65	3.4	14.23	-3.8	25.07	-1.4	31.54	1.9	21.01	0.6	21.99	8.0
Apr	21.54	4.1	14.91	19.5	24.36	-2.6	27.80	-3.8	21.43	2.7	21.43	4.5
May	21.57	4.0	14.63	18.8	24.26	0.2	28.27	-5.4	21.73	4.0	21.23	3.3
Jun	21.77	5.8	13.19	2.3	24.76	-0.5	30.54	3.8	21.84	6.2	21.53	6.6
Jul	21.94	7.7	14.11	23.8	26.16	2.5	28.54	1.7	21.67	4.6	22.01	11.8
Aug	22.12	7.4	13.89	15.6	25.60	2.4	29.08	4.9	22.23	6.0	21.73	7.9
Sep	22.33	7.3	14.41	27.2	26.47	6.2	29.80	11.8	21.95	4.2	22.39	8.3
Oct	22.22	6.4	15.49	21.5	26.17	2.8	26.79	-0.1	21.74	5.9	22.32	6.0
Nov	22.25	3.2	15.99	16.3	26.16	1.0	26.97	-6.3	21.77	2.3	22.09	4.1
Dec	22.36	4.5	16.17	25.1	25.82	-0.8	26.52	-1.6	22.09	6.4	21.95	1.5
Average:												
Jan-Dec06	20.87		12.84		25.17		28.07		20.93		20.52	
Jan-Dec07	21.91		14.55		25.41		29.13		21.61		21.84	
% Change	5.0		13.4		1.0		3.8		3.3		6.4	

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3.3B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1997	16.47		18.21		13.56		16.15		19.12		22.51		18.51		10.11		21.20		16.91	
1998	16.66		18.67		13.58		17.27		19.63		22.20		18.78		10.42		20.94		17.17	
1999	16.86	1.2	19.03	1.9	14.09	3.8	17.15	-0.7	20.47	4.3	22.02	-0.8	18.98	1.1	10.29	-1.2	21.56	3.0	17.34	1.0
2000	17.23	2.2	18.70	-1.7	13.95	-1.0	18.41	7.3	20.36	-0.5	23.05	4.7	19.29	1.6	10.81	5.1	21.88	1.5	17.64	1.7
2001	17.59	2.1	20.06	7.3	13.96	0.1	18.62	1.1	21.42	5.2	22.71	-1.5	20.17	4.6	10.95	1.3	22.56	3.1	17.98	1.9
2002	18.27	3.9	20.38	1.6	14.45	3.5	19.92	7.0	22.52	5.1	23.66	4.2	21.03	4.3	11.09	1.3	23.93	6.1	18.59	3.4
2003	18.66	2.1	20.43	0.2	14.93	3.3	19.78	-0.7	22.71	0.8	24.27	2.6	21.91	4.2	11.28	1.7	24.40	2.0	19.02	2.3
2004	18.74	0.4	19.95	-2.3	14.94	0.1	19.80	0.1	22.11	-2.6	25.04	3.2	22.04	0.6	11.57	2.6	24.81	1.7	18.99	-0.2
2005	19.15	2.2	21.16	6.1	14.97	0.2	19.89	0.5	24.30	9.9	25.21	0.7	21.87	-0.8	12.00	3.7	25.88	4.3	19.36	1.9
2006	19.67	2.7	21.42	1.2	15.75	5.2	20.78	4.5	25.03	3.0	25.48	1.1	22.40	2.4	11.85	-1.3	26.54	2.6	19.91	2.8
2006 Jan	19.60	1.3	21.79	1.7	15.75	4.4	20.97	0.4	23.62	0.8	24.44	-2.9	22.47	0.4	12.06	2.2	25.79	-1.6	19.86	1.3
Feb	19.55	1.1	21.24	3.8	16.07	7.2	20.14	0.8	24.21	0.6	25.83	3.1	21.85	-2.7	11.67	-2.2	26.29	0.1	19.81	1.5
Mar	19.41	2.0	21.26	3.3	15.77	5.8	20.36	1.5	23.77	-2.3	24.84	2.3	22.22	1.8	11.71	-0.5	25.32	-2.8	19.71	2.4
Apr	19.55	2.6	21.74	3.5	15.33	1.3	20.49	5.7	25.72	4.2	25.86	3.5	22.11	2.6	11.48	-2.2	25.70	-0.1	19.77	2.3
May	19.39	2.1	21.53	2.1	15.35	4.2	20.53	7.8	24.79	0.7	25.14	-2.1	22.02	3.4	11.27	-4.7	26.42	5.4	19.66	2.0
Jun	19.53	3.1	21.83	1.9	15.55	5.6	21.28	8.8	25.05	5.8	25.35	-0.4	21.97	1.8	11.72	-1.0	26.85	6.4	19.74	2.9
Jul	19.41	4.0	21.14	-1.5	15.72	7.6	21.00	10.2	26.34	11.8	25.17	2.7	21.68	1.7	11.56	-2.9	25.68	4.1	19.62	4.0
Aug	19.49	2.7	21.14	0.2	15.83	6.7	21.53	13.3	25.34	3.5	25.18	-4.3	22.40	2.2	11.45	-4.7	26.99	5.7	19.72	3.1
Sep	19.78	2.0	20.57	-3.7	15.56	1.7	21.73	8.5	25.16	1.9	25.23	-0.2	22.87	3.8	12.14	-2.3	27.52	3.5	19.99	2.4
Oct	19.93	3.1	20.96	-2.1	15.74	4.7	22.01	5.1	24.98	0.2	25.63	1.1	23.05	5.3	12.31	-1.2	27.23	3.2	20.13	3.3
Nov	20.25	4.2	22.27	6.4	15.97	6.3	20.14	-2.5	25.64	3.1	26.88	5.8	23.09	4.3	12.45	0.1	27.28	3.0	20.52	4.2
Dec	20.14	4.2	21.56	0.2	16.44	8.0	19.21	-6.3	25.78	5.9	25.97	3.5	23.08	5.1	12.38	3.9	27.55	3.6	20.39	4.4
2007 Jan	20.32	3.7	21.64	-0.7	16.45	4.4	20.42	-2.6	25.23	6.8	26.68	9.2	23.31	3.7	12.06	0.0	27.34	6.0	20.54	3.4
Feb	20.28	3.7	21.88	3.0	16.18	0.7	20.41	1.3	25.48	5.2	25.59	-0.9	23.24	6.4	12.29	5.3	27.21	3.5	20.57	3.8
Mar	20.10	3.6	21.54	1.3	15.88	0.7	21.07	3.5	26.01	9.4	25.35	2.1	22.95	3.3	11.94	2.0	27.74	9.6	20.41	3.6
Apr	20.30	3.8	21.47	-1.2	16.53	7.8	20.80	1.5	25.31	-1.6	25.85	0.0	22.93	3.7	12.50	8.9	27.70	7.8	20.56	4.0
May	20.05	3.4	21.61	0.4	16.11	5.0	21.16	3.1	24.41	-1.5	25.74	2.4	22.54	2.4	12.43	10.3	27.44	3.9	20.36	3.6
Jun	19.89	1.8	21.42	-1.9	15.87	2.1	21.01	-1.3	24.27	-3.1	25.66	1.2	22.13	0.7	12.44	6.1	27.69	3.1	20.29	2.8
Jul	19.78	1.9	22.30	5.5	16.31	3.8	20.34	-3.1	24.87	-5.6	25.99	3.3	21.97	1.3	12.51	8.2	27.32	6.4	20.24	3.2
Aug	19.89	2.1	22.56	6.7	16.13	1.9	20.72	-3.8	25.93	2.3	26.21	4.1	22.31	-0.4	12.57	9.8	27.09	0.4	20.37	3.3
Sep	20.09	1.6	22.19	7.9	16.20	4.1	21.03	-3.2	25.37	0.8	26.24	4.0	21.92	-4.2	12.61	3.9	26.29	-4.5	20.57	2.9
Oct	20.04	0.6	22.58	7.7	16.12	2.4	21.29	-3.3	24.58	-1.6	25.66	0.1	22.21	-3.6	12.34	0.2	26.50	-2.7	20.49	1.8
Nov	20.24	0.0	21.72	-2.5	16.35	2.4	21.63	7.4	25.33	-1.2	25.36	-5.7	22.26	-3.6	12.43	-0.2	27.31	0.1	20.65	0.6
Dec	20.37	1.1	22.23	3.1	15.85	-3.6	22.06	14.8	26.38	2.3	26.32	1.3	22.26	-3.6	12.68	2.4	26.91	-2.3	20.77	1.9
Average:																				
Jan-Dec06	19.67		21.42		15.76		20.78		25.03		25.46		22.40		11.85		26.55		19.91	
Jan-Dec07	20.11		21.93		16.17		21.00		25.26		25.89		22.50		12.40		27.21		20.49	
% Change	2.3		2.4		2.6		1.0		0.9		1.7		0.5		4.6		2.5		2.9	

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3.4A B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Goods Prod. Industries (incl. Utilities)		Agriculture		Forestry		Fishing and Trapping		Mining		Total Manufacturing		Selected Breakout of Manufacturing						Construction	
													Food and Beverage		Wood		Paper and Allied			
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1997	417.3		34.0		32.2		5.4		16.3		196.2		25.1		44.6		23.1		123.1	
1998	408.5	-2.1	33.0	-2.9	30.2	-6.2	3.4	-37.0	17.7	8.6	195.9	-0.2	25.6	2.0	43.4	-2.7	22.7	-1.7	117.2	-4.8
1999	393.8	-3.6	28.1	-14.8	30.0	-0.7	3.8	11.8	14.8	-16.4	191.8	-2.1	21.6	-15.6	42.4	-2.3	22.4	-1.3	114.3	-2.5
2000	406.3	3.2	29.7	5.7	35.5	18.3	4.3	13.2	12.8	-13.5	202.5	5.6	23.4	8.3	45.7	7.8	17.8	-20.5	111.1	-2.8
2001	382.3	-5.9	25.5	-14.1	24.7	-30.4	4.7	9.3	11.3	-11.7	194.9	-3.8	25.6	9.4	48.9	7.0	15.0	-15.7	110.7	-0.4
2002	392.2	2.6	29.0	13.7	25.3	2.4	3.1	-34.0	9.2	-18.6	196.6	0.9	27.0	5.5	43.8	-10.4	17.0	13.3	118.1	6.7
2003	416.4	6.2	32.9	13.4	27.7	9.5	4.6	48.4	13.3	44.6	206.8	5.2	31.7	17.4	49.0	11.9	14.4	-15.3	119.8	1.4
2004	436.9	4.9	36.9	12.2	21.5	-22.4	2.9	-37.0	11.1	-16.5	211.2	2.1	31.4	-0.9	46.9	-4.3	12.0	-16.7	144.0	20.2
2005	452.7	3.6	38.7	4.9	21.6	0.5	2.1	-27.6	13.8	24.3	198.2	-6.2	31.5	0.3	45.8	-2.3	12.3	2.5	168.0	16.7
2006	463.9	2.5	34.7	-10.3	21.7	0.5	2.7	28.6	19.4	40.6	197.5	-0.4	24.4	-22.5	44.8	-2.2	15.1	22.8	179.3	6.7
2006 Jan	421.5	-3.9	29.1	-15.4	16.1	-16.1	3.5	n.a	17.3	25.4	184.9	-9.3	20.8	-46.1	45.6	16.3	12.2	-2.4	161.9	2.1
Feb	442.5	0.2	31.4	-10.8	18.8	-16.4	3.5	118.8	15.4	21.3	200.0	-0.8	27.4	-31.0	46.0	7.2	12.8	3.2	165.5	4.4
Mar	454.3	4.6	34.7	-7.5	20.3	4.1	2.6	n.a	14.9	4.2	203.8	4.3	24.2	-35.8	50.4	15.3	12.2	-5.4	170.8	8.7
Apr	449.6	1.4	36.0	-11.5	15.8	-27.5	2.5	n.a	16.2	35.0	198.4	2.7	27.2	-19.3	47.7	15.8	14.4	4.3	174.1	6.2
May	460.5	2.1	36.8	-5.6	19.6	-22.5	2.8	-9.7	18.2	46.8	203.7	3.9	26.4	-25.4	48.6	14.6	18.4	33.3	171.4	5.5
Jun	464.4	-0.2	34.9	-18.5	24.3	-4.3	3.8	-22.4	17.6	37.5	193.6	-0.4	22.8	-24.3	41.8	-9.1	17.8	61.8	181.4	5.8
Jul	493.5	1.5	39.9	-19.6	25.0	5.5	2.8	40.0	18.0	25.0	203.5	-1.2	21.5	-39.6	45.5	-9.2	15.2	21.6	195.1	9.9
Aug	487.9	2.7	40.1	-11.5	24.7	3.8	3.7	117.6	20.8	42.5	194.8	-2.5	20.5	-32.8	45.7	-7.7	16.3	28.3	194.7	8.9
Sep	469.7	4.6	36.0	-5.0	23.6	9.3	1.8	5.9	23.6	72.3	192.3	-2.7	23.7	-6.0	40.1	-14.7	17.8	85.4	183.4	10.3
Oct	475.3	5.2	34.2	-8.3	23.3	5.4	2.4	-25.0	24.4	70.6	196.1	1.0	25.0	-1.6	39.7	-23.2	14.6	47.5	184.8	8.0
Nov	476.0	5.3	31.7	3.9	25.8	54.5	n.a.	n.a	24.4	56.4	199.5	-3.5	24.7	9.3	43.0	-10.6	15.2	15.2	183.5	6.1
Dec	471.2	6.2	31.6	-8.7	23.3	30.9	1.6	-36.0	21.4	42.7	199.4	5.2	28.3	20.9	44.1	-7.4	13.7	5.4	184.6	4.2
2007 Jan	474.3	12.5	30.0	3.1	23.1	43.5	1.7	-51.4	24.0	38.7	200.0	8.2	27.7	33.2	35.8	-21.5	14.3	17.2	187.5	15.8
Feb	467.1	5.6	31.4	0.0	20.7	10.1	0.0	n.a	23.9	55.2	203.3	1.7	25.8	-5.8	37.2	-19.1	15.9	24.2	177.2	7.1
Mar	482.6	6.2	31.8	-8.4	20.2	-0.5	1.9	-26.9	20.0	34.2	215.3	5.6	27.8	14.9	45.1	-10.5	16.7	36.9	185.1	8.4
Apr	485.6	8.0	32.0	-11.1	20.3	28.5	4.0	60.0	18.7	15.4	210.5	6.1	30.1	10.7	41.0	-14.0	16.5	14.6	191.3	9.9
May	495.9	7.7	36.9	0.3	23.7	20.9	3.0	7.1	18.7	2.7	207.4	1.8	28.2	6.8	42.9	-11.7	17.9	-2.7	197.7	15.3
Jun	510.4	9.9	37.8	8.3	27.3	12.3	1.8	-52.6	21.0	19.3	209.7	8.3	25.1	10.1	49.4	18.2	14.5	-18.5	203.5	12.2
Jul	513.2	4.0	41.7	4.5	26.8	7.2	2.2	-21.4	19.8	10.0	212.6	4.5	26.0	20.9	53.3	17.1	16.3	7.2	198.2	1.6
Aug	514.4	5.4	40.6	1.2	25.0	1.2	6.1	64.9	19.7	-5.3	203.4	4.4	25.7	25.4	55.4	21.2	16.4	0.6	208.2	6.9
Sep	506.7	7.9	40.3	11.9	24.0	1.7	3.5	94.4	18.5	-21.6	209.6	9.0	29.6	24.9	54.2	35.2	14.4	-19.1	200.2	9.2
Oct	503.0	5.8	41.9	22.5	26.9	15.5	3.2	33.3	19.7	-19.3	202.9	3.5	31.1	24.4	46.1	16.1	12.3	-15.8	195.7	5.9
Nov	505.2	6.1	35.5	12.0	27.3	5.8	2.6	n.a	16.7	-31.6	202.5	1.5	30.4	23.1	41.3	-4.0	13.8	-9.2	208.1	13.4
Dec	490.5	4.1	35.0	10.8	26.7	14.6	3.1	93.8	19.4	-9.3	183.6	-7.9	32.3	14.1	34.9	-20.9	13.7	0.0	209.5	13.5
Average:																				
Jan-Dec06	463.9		34.7		21.7		n.a.		19.4		197.5		24.4		44.9		15.1		179.3	
Jan-Dec07	495.7		36.2		24.3		n.a.		20.0		205.1		28.3		44.7		15.2		196.9	
% Change	6.9		4.4		12.0		n.a.		3.4		3.8		16.2		-0.3		1.2		9.8	

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3.4B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Total Comm., & Personal Service		Selected Breakout of Comm. & Pers. Service						Public Administration		Total All Industries	
											Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod. Food & Bev.					
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1997	1,443.2		108.0		297.7		127.7		809.1		120.3		191.3		142.2		100.7		1,860.5	
1998	1,449.9	0.5	105.6	-2.2	289.7	-2.7	122.3	-4.2	838.5	3.6	118.3	-1.7	197.4	3.2	146.8	3.2	93.8	-6.9	1,858.4	-0.1
1999	1,500.5	3.5	115.9	9.8	304.8	5.2	121.0	-1.1	866.3	3.3	127.3	7.6	193.3	-2.1	149.1	1.6	92.5	-1.4	1,894.4	1.9
2000	1,525.0	1.6	116.9	0.9	300.8	-1.3	118.3	-2.2	896.5	3.5	136.6	7.3	201.2	4.1	154.5	3.6	92.4	-0.1	1,931.3	1.9
2001	1,539.3	0.9	112.4	-3.8	303.3	0.8	120.9	2.2	913.1	1.9	138.3	1.2	196.8	-2.2	163.7	6.0	89.5	-3.1	1,921.6	-0.5
2002	1,572.8	2.2	112.9	0.4	324.9	7.1	123.3	2.0	923.6	1.1	139.3	0.7	211.6	7.5	162.5	-0.7	88.1	-1.6	1,965.0	2.3
2003	1,598.3	1.6	119.6	5.9	327.8	0.9	124.5	1.0	933.3	1.1	140.1	0.6	213.3	0.8	159.4	-1.9	93.0	5.6	2,014.7	2.5
2004	1,625.8	1.7	116.5	-2.6	315.8	-3.7	129.2	3.8	967.1	3.6	135.9	-3.0	219.2	2.8	175.3	10.0	97.2	4.5	2,062.7	2.4
2005	1,677.8	3.2	118.7	1.9	334.6	6.0	132.9	2.9	996.5	3.0	146.1	7.5	217.4	-0.8	175.8	0.3	95.1	-2.2	2,130.5	3.3
2006	1,731.6	3.2	119.5	0.7	353.7	5.7	138.0	3.8	1,029.1	3.3	156.0	6.8	232.2	6.8	170.5	-3.0	91.3	-4.0	2,195.5	3.1
2006 Jan	1,701.1	5.1	122.0	8.7	350.5	9.7	128.0	-0.2	1,006.0	3.9	159.6	10.1	210.6	-4.4	171.1	1.3	94.6	4.3	2,122.5	3.1
Feb	1,699.2	4.4	125.4	14.1	355.6	12.7	129.4	-1.1	998.1	1.8	161.5	5.0	213.2	-2.6	168.8	3.6	90.6	-1.0	2,141.7	3.5
Mar	1,710.6	3.9	123.1	9.7	358.6	9.9	132.7	-3.4	1,003.5	2.7	158.9	6.7	224.3	3.7	159.2	-3.4	92.8	-0.4	2,164.9	4.1
Apr	1,719.5	4.3	119.9	10.8	360.5	13.7	129.5	-1.7	1,018.2	1.8	158.0	2.6	224.1	4.9	166.4	-7.1	91.4	-0.1	2,169.1	3.7
May	1,742.0	3.3	122.2	2.9	362.7	11.2	132.3	-1.9	1,031.6	2.8	155.9	1.9	237.3	13.9	168.4	-6.1	93.0	-10.6	2,202.6	3.0
Jun	1,761.9	4.0	125.1	5.8	366.2	15.2	136.4	-2.4	1,045.8	2.6	159.4	3.0	243.7	16.2	172.0	-3.9	88.5	-10.7	2,226.3	3.1
Jul	1,734.7	3.6	117.3	-9.5	345.5	7.0	141.7	4.5	1,034.2	4.4	137.6	6.0	245.4	15.8	174.8	-7.9	95.9	-0.8	2,228.2	3.1
Aug	1,734.4	2.5	118.0	-6.6	344.4	2.5	145.1	5.9	1,040.5	5.0	130.7	4.4	242.1	9.9	177.6	-2.8	86.6	-14.5	2,222.3	2.6
Sep	1,741.3	2.8	118.2	-8.3	349.2	1.9	141.1	10.8	1,046.2	4.8	156.9	6.0	238.1	7.9	172.1	-2.6	86.6	-9.9	2,211.0	3.2
Oct	1,752.8	2.6	113.7	-7.3	346.1	-4.6	143.4	11.0	1,058.7	5.7	161.3	14.5	238.9	6.1	174.6	-0.2	91.0	-2.3	2,228.1	3.1
Nov	1,733.1	1.0	113.5	-6.4	354.3	-2.3	148.8	12.8	1,022.1	1.2	163.5	11.7	229.1	1.5	170.1	-1.4	94.4	4.3	2,209.1	1.9
Dec	1,748.3	1.4	115.4	-0.3	350.8	-4.0	147.7	12.7	1,044.7	2.6	169.1	10.4	239.2	9.6	170.9	-4.3	89.7	-4.5	2,219.6	2.4
2007 Jan	1,739.1	2.2	119.4	-2.1	350.8	0.1	137.6	7.5	1,036.7	3.1	161.8	1.4	233.9	11.1	173.8	1.6	94.7	0.1	2,213.4	4.3
Feb	1,754.1	3.2	130.5	4.1	354.4	-0.3	139.9	8.1	1,041.2	4.3	169.8	5.1	243.2	14.1	167.0	-1.1	88.1	-2.8	2,221.2	3.7
Mar	1,763.2	3.1	124.5	1.1	356.0	-0.7	149.2	12.4	1,041.9	3.8	169.3	6.5	248.5	10.8	168.5	5.8	91.6	-1.3	2,245.8	3.7
Apr	1,740.3	1.2	120.9	0.8	346.9	-3.8	145.2	12.1	1,034.0	1.6	163.4	3.4	241.6	7.8	164.9	-0.9	93.4	2.2	2,225.9	2.6
May	1,778.7	2.1	127.1	4.0	365.7	0.8	149.4	12.9	1,042.5	1.1	163.4	4.8	234.4	-1.2	169.1	0.4	94.1	1.2	2,274.6	3.3
Jun	1,784.5	1.3	128.1	2.4	365.7	-0.1	148.0	8.5	1,045.3	0.0	155.8	-2.3	242.0	-0.7	178.8	4.0	97.5	10.2	2,294.9	3.1
Jul	1,774.4	2.3	130.8	11.5	377.0	9.1	150.0	5.9	1,017.3	-1.6	121.4	-11.8	239.1	-2.6	176.3	0.9	99.3	3.5	2,287.6	2.7
Aug	1,776.8	2.4	126.2	6.9	377.3	9.6	149.2	2.8	1,026.4	-1.4	119.1	-8.9	235.3	-2.8	191.6	7.9	97.7	12.8	2,291.3	3.1
Sep	1,765.6	1.4	122.9	4.0	364.0	4.2	143.8	1.9	1,038.4	-0.7	159.0	1.3	236.5	-0.7	172.5	0.2	96.7	11.7	2,272.4	2.8
Oct	1,780.9	1.6	120.5	6.0	374.2	8.1	142.6	-0.6	1,046.5	-1.2	160.5	-0.5	243.7	2.0	171.4	-1.8	97.0	6.6	2,283.9	2.5
Nov	1,792.6	3.4	125.8	10.8	378.0	6.7	142.7	-4.1	1,048.9	2.6	163.7	0.1	241.9	5.6	169.7	-0.2	97.2	3.0	2,297.8	4.0
Dec	1,796.8	2.8	131.2	13.7	370.4	5.6	141.9	-3.9	1,050.1	0.5	166.5	-1.5	235.9	-1.4	168.5	-1.4	103.3	15.2	2,287.3	3.1
Average:																				
Jan-Dec06	1,731.6		119.5		353.7		138.0		1,029.1		156.0		232.2		170.5		91.3		2,195.5	
Jan-Dec07	1,770.6		125.7		365.0		145.0		1,039.1		156.1		239.7		172.7		95.9		2,266.3	
% Change	2.3		5.2		3.2		5.0		1.0		0.1		3.2		1.3		5.1		3.2	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry, Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1997	36.3		36.8		38.4		36.0		36.2		35.2	
1998	36.0	-0.8	38.3	4.1	38.8	1.0	34.2	-5.0	35.8	-1.1	34.7	-1.4
1999	36.2	0.6	37.5	-2.1	39.0	0.5	33.0	-3.5	36.7	2.5	34.1	-1.7
2000	36.9	1.9	37.7	0.5	37.3	-4.4	35.6	7.9	37.5	2.2	35.4	3.8
2001	36.3	-1.6	38.6	2.4	37.6	0.8	34.4	-3.4	36.3	-3.2	35.3	-0.3
2002	35.8	-1.4	36.3	-6.0	37.8	0.5	33.4	-2.9	36.0	-0.8	35.0	-0.8
2003	35.6	-0.6	36.4	0.3	37.9	0.3	34.4	3.0	35.6	-1.1	34.6	-1.1
2004	36.3	2.0	36.9	1.4	39.3	3.7	31.8	-7.6	36.0	1.1	36.2	4.6
2005	36.7	1.1	37.1	0.5	40.6	3.3	35.8	12.6	36.5	1.4	36.2	0.0
2006	36.5	-0.5	35.5	-4.3	40.2	-1.0	36.7	2.5	36.3	-0.5	35.9	-0.8
2006 Jan	37.1	4.5	31.6	-1.3	42.0	9.4	34.2	-13.9	37.6	0.0	36.6	11.9
Feb	36.5	-3.4	30.3	-9.0	37.8	-8.7	35.9	-9.1	36.9	-2.9	36.8	-1.9
Mar	36.6	-3.9	29.1	-21.6	39.4	-1.3	43.9	21.6	37.0	-1.6	36.6	-4.9
Apr	32.6	-15.8	32.4	-15.4	38.6	5.5	34.3	-10.0	32.5	-16.2	31.5	-19.2
May	37.2	-2.4	36.3	-8.1	39.0	-8.9	36.8	-4.9	36.7	0.0	37.4	-1.8
Jun	38.0	-0.3	37.0	-8.4	40.8	-2.2	40.9	19.9	38.0	-1.0	37.4	2.2
Jul	36.2	-1.6	38.2	-5.0	37.2	-14.5	32.3	-7.7	36.6	3.4	35.4	-2.2
Aug	35.4	-1.4	35.8	-8.7	40.5	-1.5	32.3	-0.3	34.8	-0.6	34.8	-1.1
Sep	38.5	0.5	39.3	5.4	43.4	-0.5	38.0	17.3	37.9	0.8	37.7	-2.1
Oct	34.7	4.5	42.5	20.4	39.0	8.3	32.7	-4.7	33.6	5.0	33.5	0.6
Nov	37.8	12.5	38.6	15.9	41.9	6.1	40.4	26.6	37.1	14.2	37.2	9.7
Dec	37.0	-0.3	33.1	-7.8	42.4	0.5	38.4	7.3	36.9	-3.4	36.4	3.1
2007 Jan	36.0	-3.0	31.4	-0.6	44.0	4.8	38.1	11.4	36.6	-2.7	34.1	-6.8
Feb	37.8	3.6	31.3	3.3	47.9	26.7	41.4	15.3	38.1	3.3	35.7	-3.0
Mar	37.0	1.1	33.5	15.1	45.0	14.2	34.0	-22.6	36.6	-1.1	36.5	-0.3
Apr	37.9	16.3	37.3	15.1	36.7	-4.9	42.8	24.8	38.5	18.5	37.4	18.7
May	37.8	1.6	41.0	12.9	38.5	-1.3	37.6	2.2	37.4	1.9	37.4	0.0
Jun	38.4	1.1	38.7	4.6	42.2	3.4	41.5	1.5	37.3	-1.8	38.5	2.9
Jul	36.8	1.7	39.5	3.4	40.7	9.4	33.0	2.2	35.5	-3.0	36.9	4.2
Aug	36.7	3.7	40.2	12.3	35.8	-11.6	33.4	3.4	35.9	3.2	37.3	7.2
Sep	37.6	-2.3	36.8	-6.4	36.2	-16.6	33.7	-11.3	37.0	-2.4	38.8	2.9
Oct	34.1	-1.7	37.5	-11.8	38.6	-1.0	27.9	-14.7	32.7	-2.7	34.2	2.1
Nov	36.6	-3.2	30.1	-22.0	39.5	-5.7	28.4	-29.7	36.4	-1.9	37.8	1.6
Dec	37.7	1.9	35.3	6.6	41.8	-1.4	38.9	1.3	37.5	1.6	37.2	2.2
Average:												
Jan-Dec06	36.5		35.4		40.2		36.7		36.3		35.9	
Jan-Dec07	37.0		36.1		40.6		35.9		36.6		36.8	
% Change	1.6		2.0		1.0		-2.1		0.9		2.4	

* Average Actual Hours, Alll Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.5B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1997	32.0		36.2		33.2		33.8		35.3		29.3		29.3		29.4		33.1		33.0	
1998	31.5	-1.6	35.6	-1.7	31.9	-3.9	33.6	-0.6	34.5	-2.3	27.9	-4.8	28.6	-2.4	30.4	3.4	32.8	-0.9	32.5	-1.5
1999	31.5	0.0	35.2	-1.1	31.8	-0.3	33.1	-1.5	35.1	1.7	27.9	0.0	29.5	3.1	29.8	-2.0	32.9	0.3	32.5	0.0
2000	32.3	2.5	36.9	4.8	32.0	0.6	33.9	2.4	35.5	1.1	29.7	6.5	30.6	3.7	29.6	-0.7	34.2	4.0	33.2	2.2
2001	31.2	-3.4	35.3	-4.3	31.2	-2.5	32.9	-2.9	33.8	-4.8	28.7	-3.4	28.9	-5.6	29.8	0.7	31.7	-7.3	32.2	-3.0
2002	31.0	-0.6	34.8	-1.4	31.1	-0.3	33.3	1.2	34.0	0.6	29.0	1.0	29.1	0.7	28.0	-6.0	33.3	5.0	32.0	-0.6
2003	30.8	-0.6	35.8	2.9	30.8	-1.0	32.2	-3.3	34.2	0.6	28.1	-3.1	28.0	-3.8	29.0	3.6	32.2	-3.3	31.8	-0.6
2004	31.2	1.3	36.5	2.0	31.1	1.0	32.2	0.0	35.3	3.2	26.8	-4.6	29.1	3.9	29.3	1.0	32.3	0.3	32.3	1.6
2005	31.5	1.0	36.5	0.0	31.1	0.0	32.9	2.2	35.1	-0.6	28.4	6.0	29.9	2.7	29.4	0.3	32.5	0.6	32.6	0.9
2006	31.5	0.0	37.0	1.4	31.4	1.0	32.1	-2.4	34.4	-2.0	28.0	-1.4	30.0	0.3	29.2	-0.7	32.8	0.9	32.5	-0.3
2006 Jan	33.0	2.8	37.7	4.1	32.7	7.6	34.9	3.9	37.8	6.8	33.5	5.3	30.4	-6.2	28.4	-5.3	35.3	3.2	33.8	3.0
Feb	32.4	-1.2	37.6	-0.5	31.2	0.3	33.4	-1.5	36.9	-0.3	31.8	0.0	31.5	4.3	27.2	-12.0	35.1	1.4	33.2	-1.8
Mar	30.0	-8.3	36.0	-3.7	30.7	-2.2	32.7	-3.5	34.4	-8.5	18.6	-41.1	27.9	-10.0	28.0	-1.1	31.7	-6.8	31.4	-7.1
Apr	29.2	-11.0	34.3	-5.5	29.1	-10.5	29.6	-13.7	30.8	-17.6	28.5	-13.9	26.7	-11.9	27.5	-3.5	29.3	-17.2	29.9	-12.1
May	33.0	0.9	37.3	-0.3	32.4	1.9	33.0	-6.0	35.7	1.1	31.8	-1.9	30.4	-4.7	29.2	0.7	36.5	12.0	33.8	0.0
Jun	32.9	0.9	38.6	-0.5	31.6	-0.9	33.0	-2.7	35.3	-1.7	33.1	0.0	31.0	1.6	30.5	1.0	34.5	5.5	33.9	0.3
Jul	30.5	0.7	38.1	1.9	31.5	3.3	28.9	-10.0	33.9	1.5	17.4	11.5	29.4	0.0	30.6	-1.0	31.4	-1.9	31.8	0.0
Aug	29.9	1.4	37.1	6.3	30.9	2.3	30.7	-3.5	33.3	3.4	16.8	21.7	28.2	2.9	29.9	-2.0	29.3	0.7	31.1	0.6
Sep	32.8	1.5	36.7	2.2	32.7	3.2	33.4	1.5	35.9	1.7	32.0	-3.9	32.0	5.6	29.7	-2.3	33.7	5.3	34.0	1.5
Oct	29.6	4.2	34.4	0.3	30.3	3.4	29.3	0.7	31.8	-1.5	26.5	50.6	28.5	5.6	29.0	2.5	28.5	-5.0	30.7	4.4
Nov	32.3	9.1	37.8	12.5	31.6	7.1	33.3	8.5	33.6	4.7	31.3	11.8	32.6	15.2	29.1	7.0	34.5	14.6	33.5	10.2
Dec	32.4	-1.2	38.3	0.5	32.2	-1.5	33.7	0.3	33.8	-8.2	31.1	-7.4	31.4	2.3	30.7	6.6	33.4	-1.2	33.4	-0.9
2007 Jan	32.4	-1.8	38.0	0.8	32.5	-0.6	34.4	-1.4	35.4	-6.3	31.2	-6.9	30.4	0.0	28.9	1.8	34.6	-2.0	33.2	-1.8
Feb	32.0	-1.2	36.0	-4.3	31.5	1.0	34.1	2.1	36.8	-0.3	30.0	-5.7	30.4	-3.5	28.4	4.4	35.2	0.3	33.2	0.0
Mar	31.9	6.3	38.0	5.6	32.0	4.2	32.8	0.3	36.3	5.5	27.9	50.0	29.9	7.2	29.2	4.3	32.9	3.8	33.0	5.1
Apr	32.9	12.7	37.6	9.6	33.7	15.8	32.9	11.1	36.0	16.9	30.5	7.0	29.2	9.4	29.9	8.7	36.0	22.9	34.0	13.7
May	32.7	-0.9	36.7	-1.6	34.0	4.9	33.0	0.0	35.6	-0.3	30.7	-3.5	29.9	-1.6	29.0	-0.7	34.9	-4.4	33.8	0.0
Jun	32.4	-1.5	36.4	-5.7	32.9	4.1	33.1	0.3	34.7	-1.7	32.6	-1.5	29.3	-5.5	29.5	-3.3	34.4	-0.3	33.8	-0.3
Jul	30.6	0.3	36.7	-3.7	31.7	0.6	31.8	10.0	34.3	1.2	18.7	7.5	27.1	-7.8	29.3	-4.2	31.1	-1.0	32.0	0.6
Aug	29.8	-0.3	37.0	-0.3	31.9	3.2	31.4	2.3	32.0	-3.9	14.5	-13.7	25.8	-8.5	29.4	-1.7	28.7	-2.0	31.3	0.6
Sep	32.6	-0.6	38.7	5.4	31.1	-4.9	33.7	0.9	36.1	0.6	30.8	-3.8	29.7	-7.2	30.4	2.4	31.2	-7.4	33.7	-0.9
Oct	29.7	0.3	34.7	0.9	30.3	0.0	30.6	4.4	31.7	-0.3	27.1	2.3	26.9	-5.6	29.0	0.0	28.1	-1.4	30.7	0.0
Nov	31.9	-1.2	38.0	0.5	31.2	-1.3	32.1	-3.6	34.3	2.1	31.0	-1.0	29.1	-10.7	27.3	-6.2	32.9	-4.6	32.9	-1.8
Dec	32.4	0.0	38.4	0.3	32.0	-0.6	32.4	-3.9	35.8	5.9	30.1	-3.2	31.2	-0.6	26.5	-13.7	33.6	0.6	33.5	0.3
Average:																				
Jan-Dec06	31.5		37.0		31.4		32.2		34.4		27.7		30.0		29.2		32.8		32.5	
Jan-Dec07	31.8		37.2		32.1		32.7		34.9		27.9		29.1		28.9		32.8		32.9	
% Change	0.9		0.5		2.1		1.7		1.4		0.8		-3.1		-0.9		0.1		1.2	

* Average Actual Hours, AIII Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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B.C. EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

This is a monthly report designed to assist analysts monitoring changes in inter-provincial and inter-industrial earnings and employment levels. The report provides figures on persons employed and actual dollars earned. Primary emphasis, however, is placed on the 'percentage change' data to help highlight recent trends and/or structural shifts. Questions or comments should be directed to Karen Kirby at (250) 356-7870 or Karen.Kirby@gov.bc.ca

Definitions and Explanatory Notes

Average Hourly Wage Rate & Average Weekly Wage Rate

Beginning January 1997, information is collected on the usual wages or salary of employees at their main job. Respondents are asked to report their wage/salary before taxes and other deductions, and include tips, commissions and bonuses.

Average Weekly Hours Worked

Average actual number of hours worked per week, main job, is calculated by dividing total hours by the total number of employed persons. When a respondent holds more than one job or business, the job or business involving the greatest number of usual hours worked is considered to be the main job.

Real (after inflation) Average Weekly Wage Rate

Average weekly wage rates, as defined above, minus the rate of inflation as measured by the applicable Vancouver, Canada, or U.S. consumer price index.

Employment (derived from Labour Force Survey, Cat No. 71-001) (Actual)

All persons during the reference week who either a) did any work for pay or profit, or b) had a job but were absent because of illness, weather, vacation, labour disputes, or personal or family responsibility. United States trends are calculated from civilian employment seasonally adjusted data published by the U.S. Deptartment of Commerce.

Employment by Industry

Employment by industry is based on the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

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